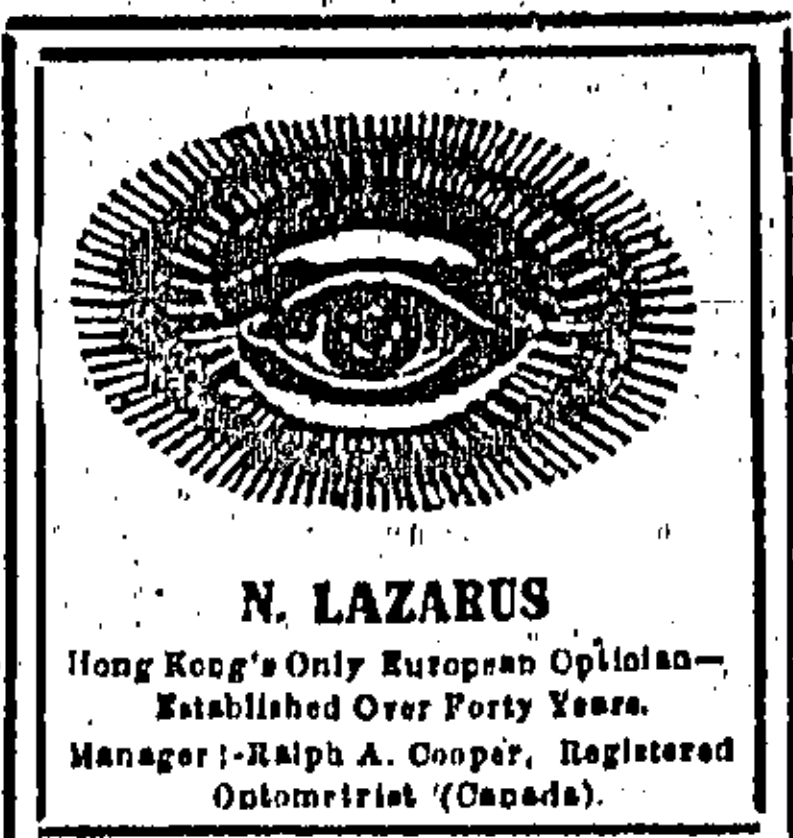
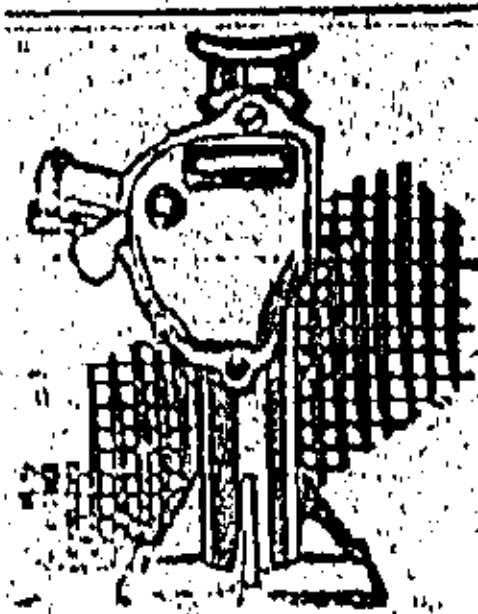




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WHY CRUISERS ARE COMING. TO REASSURE BRITISH NATIONALS.

PEKING WANTS THE TIENTSIN CONCESSION.

SHAMEEN PRECAUTIONS.

The decision to send the First Cruiser Squadron to China was taken with the object of reassuring British residents and, if necessary, to protect their interests, says an authoritative statement received from London to-day.

Conversations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen are still proceeding and, as yet, there is no indication as to the exact nature of the discussions or their possible outcome.

A Chinese report says that the Peking Government is anxious to get the British Concession at Tientsin converted into a "special area" under the control of the Chinese authorities.

Regarding the Shameen it is reported that the Consular authorities are taking measures to prevent any untoward happenings occurring in connection with anti-British demonstrations.

PREMIER CONFERS.

A CABINET MEETING TO-DAY.

London, Jan. 16.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin will arrive in town early to-morrow morning to confer with Sir Austen Chamberlain before the meeting of the Cabinet to deal with the situation in China.

It is stated authoritatively that the decision to send the Cruiser Squadron to China was taken with the object of reassuring British residents and, if necessary, protecting their interests. *Reuter.*

NAVAL FORCES.

OUR INCREASING STRENGTH.

Rugby, Jan. 16.

In connection with the decision to send the First Cruiser Squadron to China, it is pointed out that the following eight cruisers are already in Chinese waters:—Carlsle, Emerald, Vendictive, Despatch, Enterprise, Caradoc, Hawkins and Durban.

The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla is ready to sail and two further destroyers are at Malta and will serve as escorts for the gunboats Aphis and Ladybird, which are there and are also under orders for China. Nine destroyers, thirteen gunboats, five sloops and the aircraft carrier Hermes, are already in Chinese waters. The decision to give "stand-by" orders to the First Cruiser Squadron was reached after consultation between the Foreign Secretary, the Prime Minister and the Admiralty.

PROTECTING SHANGHAI.

Consultations between the Powers having interests in Shanghai are continuing, and it is hoped that a common line of policy may be reached with a view to preventing a repetition at Shanghai of the events which recently occurred in Hankow. Meanwhile, the British authorities in China—diplomatic, naval and military—continue to have wide discretion to deal with local emergencies.

HANKOW CONVERSATIONS.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief, in China, arrived in Hankow yesterday. Conversations between Mr. O'Malley, Acting Consul for the British Legation in Peking and Mr. Eugene Chen, Cantonese Foreign Minister, are proceeding. *British Wireless.*

SHAMEEN PRECAUTIONS.

GUARDING AGAINST POSSIBLE TROUBLE.

A Chinese report from Canton states that the consular authorities at Shameen have been instructed to maintain strict vigilance, and it is presumed that this is a precautionary measure to guard against any untoward happening which might arise from any demonstrations near the foreign settlement.

It is stated that the Political

SWATOW "REDS."

RECENT INCIDENT DISTORTED.

TRADE UNION LIES.

The *Telegraph's* correspondent at Swatow, writing under date of the 11th inst., says:

As indicating how extremely unreliable are any reports emanating from the present Labour Unions and how any disturbance is twisted and turned by the propagandists to suit their own ends, the following is of interest. On Friday last the 7th instant, there was a quarrel on board the s.s. Shantung (China Navigation Co.) between a sailor and a stevedore's couple which later developed into a fight. This fight was confined to the two men, with, of course, the usual voluble support of their respective supporters. The fight terminated in favour of the sailor, a Chinese by the way. The stevedore couple bore marks of his encounter, and, as a precaution, he was sent to the English Presbyterian Hospital to be treated.

This was done and the doctor stated that beyond a few bruises nothing serious was the matter. In other words, a very ordinary, common or garden fight between two men of the same class and, more important, the same nationality.

THE FACTS DISTORTED.

Now we get the capital which the local agitators have made out of this. This morning pamphlets were being freely distributed all over the town, but as the contents are so lengthy I merely give you the following excerpts therefrom: "Know all men that the Swatow Stevedores' Union member, Mr. On Juan-ho, has been severely tortured by those on board the English steamer Shantung."

"It is useless to remain on earth unless we wholeheartedly overthrow Imperialism."

"The injured man appeared as though dead and stringent reprisals have been decided upon."

"We demand and expect the wholehearted support of the public in our endeavours."

MERCILESS TORTURE.

Follows the Union's report of the incident in which it is stated that Mr. On Juan-ho was about to leave the ship in a quiet and orderly manner, after finishing his work, when he was set upon by the "running dogs of Imperialism" and violently assaulted with "iron bars." When his friends eventually rescued him it was found that "all the bones in one hand were broken, his left arm, left leg and the whole of his body covered with countless wounds as a result of the merciless tortures he had been subjected to."

"We therefore call upon all to assist us in once and for all overthrowing Imperialism."

"In this we are prepared to lead and, more important still, are prepared to sacrifice our lives in this cause."

Comment on the foregoing is useless and my only object in reporting it is to bring to the notice of your readers the unscrupulous methods adopted by the extremists to further their own ends.

MORE LIES.

The following report of the recent Hankow incident appears in the local Press:—"Hankow Farmers, Labourers, Merchants and Students Union has telegraphed to the Swatow Tien Siah newspaper, the information of all newspapers, for that the sailors of the British men-of-war have slaughtered multitudes of Chinese in Hankow. This happened when the masses were celebrating the New Year. Ten lecturers were delivering speeches."

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able amount of optimism to believe that, in order to provide Eugene Chen with an argument, we are to be immune from anti-British demonstrations such as are taking place elsewhere.

NASTY INCIDENT AT SWATOW.

STUDENTS ATTACK U.S. PASTOR.

LYING PROPAGANDA.

Conditions in the American Baptist Mission College are steadily going from bad to worse, says the *Telegraph's* Swatow correspondent writing on the 13th inst. The students are entirely out of hand and matters appear to have reached a climax when the Rev. A. H. Page was attacked by about six of the students two days ago.

It seems that the Rev. Mr. Page had acted as Treasurer for the College and there was some question of a small amount of money to which the students maintained they were entitled. I am not very sure of the details of the original trouble, but, whatever it was, the Rev. Mr. Page was considered by the students to be in the wrong. Consequently they laid an ambush for him. As he was returning to his house the evening before last he was suddenly pounced upon by six of his own students, five armed with bamboos and one with an iron implement, and badly knocked about. Deciding that, in view of the numbers, discretion was the better part of valour, Mr. Page ran for his house. One of his assailants tried to intercept him and this youth, the Rev. Mr. Page knocked down, the only blow struck by him.

In to-day's papers Mr. Page is accused by the students of having fired on them with a shot gun and Mrs. Page, who did not see or hear anything of the trouble, is supposed to have used her revolver to such effect that two of the students are stated to be in hospital as a result of the wounds received! As a result, I understand the American community has held a meeting and requested their Consul to ask for an American man-of-war to be sent here immediately.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.

SEIZURE ABOARD THE "HAIMUN."

Revenue Officers effected a large seizure of opium—amounting to over 3,000 taels—aboard the s.s. Haimun, on her arrival here from Kwang Chau Wan, on Saturday.

Details are lacking, the only information available at the moment being that the opium was concealed amongst the cargo, and the seizure, which constitutes one of the largest made within recent months, was due to the efforts of Revenue Officer Lanigan and his subordinates at Kowloon.

If the drug seized is in the prepared state, it is easily worth over \$30,000 according to local prices.

ARMS CASE.

AN AMMUNITION FIND.

Carrying two boxes containing empty bottles—not an unusual procedure—a boatman was stopped by a watchman coming off the s.s. President Madison yesterday and, on the contents being examined, 810 rounds of various calibre ammunition and two boxes primers, which formed the subject of a charge preferred against the boatman before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, were discovered concealed at the bottom of the boxes under the bottles.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defendant, who was remanded for hearing till Wednesday on bail of \$1,000.

The forecast of the Royal Observatory up till noon to-morrow is: East winds, moderate; fine.

Over the week-end there was one British case of typhoid fever reported, and also one Chinese case of diphtheria.

MINE EXPLODES.

MORE EXCITEMENT AT HANGCHOW.

ANTI-FOREIGN FRENZY.

Since the dawn of the New Year writes the *N. C. Daily News* correspondent at Hankow under date of the 4th inst., excitement has again risen to fever heat. The special New Year service, arranged by the Y.M.C.A. had to be cancelled by order of the military authorities. No large gatherings of any description are permitted these days. The annual united service of the five Missions of Hangchow, however, was unhindered and brought to a happy conclusion. The service was held in the Bible school chapel of the China Inland Mission, and was very well attended.

THREE BIG FIRES.

On New Years night, for a space of two hours or more, a large section of the city was thrown into darkness. The electric light was suddenly cut off. A great glare in the sky somewhat calmed the troubled populace. It was soon realized that the cause of the discomfort was some big blaze in the city. In fact, that very night, three huge fires occurred—one on the Chien Chiao, another at Tsah Koo and the third in the northern suburbs—fires of no mean dimensions.

MINE KILLS SOLDIERS.

Yesterday, about noon, a tremendous report was heard, followed by a volume of smoke. "Fighting has commenced" was heard on every hand. With remarkable rapidity, shops closed their doors and private houses barred their gates. On inquiry, it transpired that a bomb, or mine had been concealed in the quarters recently occupied by the Chekiang army. The Northerners requisitioned these premises a few days ago and in some way the fuse was set working.

The explosion was attended with disastrous results. Several men were killed outright and many injured. So far as can be ascertained, no civilian was injured. Property, in the vicinity, was dreadfully shaken and the foreign houses, on the compound of the Northern Presbyterian Mission compound, were severely jolted by the concussion—a great deal of glass being blown out of the windows and doors.

SPIES EXECUTED.

Several executions have taken place during the past few days. The unfortunate men are supposed to have been spies of the Southern Army.

No train from Shanghai arrived here yesterday. The line was closely held by the military. A great mass of troops are moving up the Chientang and it is rumoured that Fu-yang is already in the grip of the Northerners once again.

PEOPLE BECOME FRENZIED.

News items begin to leak through from the towns which are now under the rule of the Southern Army, and it is not all pleasant reading. Here is a sample:—"We have had two lots of soldiers taking possession of our chapel and other premises, turning them into a stable of the worst description." "We shut our ears to all the horrid things said, and closed our eyes to the disgraceful scribbles on the black board and walls." "Meetings were immediately started in the city, also lectures and processions. These still go on day by day. All sorts of unions are being formed. The lecturers continually tell of how soon they will be rid of foreigners, etc., etc." "Evidently the cities are thickly plastered with anti-foreign and anti-Christian posters and the people are worked up to a frenzy of new excitement."

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TO COUNTER LABOUR AGITATION.

CANTON MERCHANTS' NEW MOVE.

A NEW ASSOCIATION.

The merchants of Canton are at last organising against the Labour Unions, according to the report of a prominent local Chinese merchant who arrived back in Hongkong from Canton last night.

He said that the leading merchants belonging to the Canton General Chamber of Commerce are planning to organise a "Canton Merchants' United Association" through which it is hoped to present a united front to the Labour Unions. The reason for the formation of the Association is that the Canton Government, although it has many times, announced its intention of passing laws to control the excessive activities of the Unions, has so far done nothing, and that the tyranny of Labour prevails. Merchants feel that they are unfair victims of labour abuses and that they ought to have an association to protect their rights.

It is the intention of the new Association, said the merchant, to take advantage of the coming Chinese New Year (when holidays are general) by closing down business indefinitely until the Government shall guarantee that labour troubles in future shall be properly controlled. The merchants concerned say that it would better to close down entirely than to incur losses through the high-handed action of the Labour Unions.

There are 72 different classes of business represented in Canton and the majority of the merchants engaged have, through their Guilds, promised to join up with the new Association.

Important developments are expected.

ALLEGED JEWELLERY THEFT.

SINGAPORE CHINESE ARRESTED.

Alleged to have disappeared after stealing the main stock of a jewellery shop at Singapore, of which he was a partner and managing accountant, a young Chinese was arrested over the week-end, on a steamer, his arrival in Hongkong being anticipated by an official telegram dispatched to the police authorities here. With him were two young Chinese women, who were also taken into custody.

Chief Detective-Inspector Murphy instituted extradition proceedings before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, stating that the accused was a fugitive from justice, his arrest being sought by the Singapore police on a charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of the theft of many thousand dollars' worth of jewellery. No instructions were received in regard to the two women accompanying the accused, and a telegram had been dispatched to Singapore. The accused was understood to have waived extradition proceedings.

Mr. Lindell formally remanded the accused for twenty-four hours.

PIRATE RICKSHA.

DR KEW'S COOLIE FINED.

"He is doing public rickshamen out of a job," asserted Inspector Blackman at the Central Magistracy this morning, in conducting a charge against Dr. Kew's ricksha coolie for using a private vehicle for public hire.

The Magistrate commented on the unusual nature of the case, and the Inspector stated that, being given very little work by his employer, the defendant thought of profitably utilising his spare time by doing public business in Wongneichong Road, and, incidentally, doing many a public rickshamen out of his job.

A fine of \$5 was inflicted by Mr. Lindell.

GUILD'S CLAIM.

QUESTION OF ILLEGAL SOCIETY.

EVIDENCE FOR DEFENCE.

The action brought by the Hongkong Kwong Yee Tong House Masons' Guild to obtain from a member the sum of \$249.92 was continued before Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, when Mr. D. McCallum opened his defence. Mr. F. E. Loseby is appearing for the Guild. At the first hearing it was explained that the foremen registered contracts into which they entered with the Guild, and when the work was completed they paid a percentage of the contract money into the funds. The defendant is alleged to have performed fifteen jobs for which he has paid no commission to the Guild.

ALLEGED SOCIETY.

At the first hearing, Mr. McCallum stated that, according to his instructions, when the strike broke out in 1925 most of the members went to Canton and took the funds with them. This morning he agreed with his Lordship that he was trying to prove that the Union was an illegal and unlawful Society and therefore had no rights in Court.

Mr. McCallum said he had asked Mr. Loseby to produce the books relating to the Society. His Lordship would recollect that there was not a book in evidence, so far that went farther back than 1925. If the Society had been in existence for over forty years, as was claimed, then there were books covering that period.

Mr. Loseby said he had had a notice asking him to produce all the books, but he was told that it would take a very large conveyance to bring them to Court. He understood they were to be brought, but they had not arrived. Mr. McCallum had not stated any particular book.

His Lordship remarked that Mr. McCallum was out to prove it was an illegal Society. He suggested that the best plan would be for the defence to be called, and he would give leave to call evidence on the books, if necessary.

DEFENCE DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. McCallum replied that he had yet another difficulty. He had been hoping to get a number of people to give evidence, but the only one he had was the defendant. It was already in evidence that there were many claims of a similar kind, and he had been hoping to get those members who were in the same position as the defendant. He might have to apply for permission to issue subpoenas against them, it has Lordship could not be convinced by the evidence of the defendant himself.

His Lordship:—I won't give a piece-meal decision. You must present your whole case to me. Mr. McCallum:—You will appreciate how difficult it is for me to present it fully. I know many phases of the case I could present if I were in a position to do so, but I am not in a position to do so.

His Lordship:—Are you asking me to assist you in any way?

Mr. McCallum:—I shall have to ask you to issue these subpoenas.

His Lordship said he understood that when the defendant had given his evidence the case would not be closed, to which Mr. McCallum agreed.

DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.

The defendant was then called to give evidence. He denied that he reported any of the fifteen jobs, which are the subjects of the claim, to the Society himself. Some of the work he denied doing at all, and in others he said the wrong amounts had been entered in the books. In respect to some of the jobs he had received payments on account, while he had so far received nothing for others. The sum due from him on his evidence was \$175.94, of which he had paid \$54.20, as shown in the (Continued On Page 12.)

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CHINA CRISIS.

MORE BRITISH CRUISERS.

Athens, Jan. 15.
Five cruisers of the Mediterranean Fleet at present anchored in Phaleron Bay have been ordered to China forthwith.—*Reuter*.

Orders Uncertain.

London, Jan. 15.
An Admiralty communique states that the Cruiser Squadron has been ordered to stand by in readiness to proceed to China if so required.

The Squadron consists of the flagship *Prohiber*, the *Danae*, *Dragon*, *Dauntless* and *Delhi*.
No official statement regarding the order is obtainable in London to-night.—*Reuter*.

The *Prohiber*, flagship of the First Cruiser Squadron stationed in the Mediterranean, flies the flag of Rear Admiral A. K. Wastell, C.B., with a personal staff of Paymaster Commr. L. C. E. Ayre, O.B.E., as secretary and Lieut. Commr. (Signals) G. C. Congreve, who is also signal officer of the squadron and W. T. Officer, as Flag Lieutenant. Captain C. E. Turle, D.S.O., is the commanding officer and also Chief of Staff.

She is a vessel of 9,860 tons of 65,000 s.h.p., carrying an armament of seven 7.5 inch, three 4 inch anti-aircraft, and four three pounders.

The remaining vessels detailed for Far Eastern service are all sister ships of the *D. class*, being of 4,650 tons, with an h.p. of 40,000 and armed with six 6 inch, three 4 inch anti-aircraft, and four three pounders.

The Captains are respectively *Dauntless*, Captain H. E. Dannreuther D.S.O.; *Commander*, G. R. S. Watkins, D.S.O.

Delhi, Captain E. Manners; *Commander* H. R. Moore, D.S.O.
Danae, Captain B. H. Ramsay, D.S.O.; *Commander* G. L. Warren, Dragon, Captain I. W. Gibson, O.B.E., M.V.O.; *Commander* N. Clover.

The *Prohiber*, *Dauntless* and *Delhi* are Devonport vessels and the *Danae* and *Dragon*, Chatham vessels.

Leave Athens.

Athens, Jan. 15.
The cruisers *Prohiber*, *Danae*, *Delhi*, *Coventry* and *Dauntless* have left for China.—*Reuter*.

London, Jan. 15.
It is authoritatively learned that the five cruisers which have left Athens have probably gone to Malta to pick up stores, in accordance with the order to stand by in readiness to proceed to China if required.—*Reuter*.

Home Comment.

London, Jan. 14.
The *Manchester Guardian* in an editorial, says that although it is now possible to hope for a practical working arrangement with the Cantonese which will enable business to be resumed at Hankow and, at the same time, satisfy the susceptibilities of Cantonese Nationalism, it is impossible to admire the methods by which the Cantonese have achieved this end.

To use a mob as an instrument of diplomacy is neither right nor prudent. The coolness and discipline of British troops saved the situation at Hankow but similar methods at Shanghai would almost certainly have very different results. This should counsel Eugene Chen to prudence. But, although the circumstances at Shanghai may be peculiar, there is no reason why the British Government should not be guided by the same principles as in relation to Hankow and other parts of China, namely, the avoiding of bloodshed and coming to practical working arrangements with whatever Chinese authorities may be in effective local control. Hitherto, these principles have worked admirably.—*Reuter*.

Rugby, Jan. 15.
Warm tributes to the restraint and discretion shown by the British authorities and troops under their command during the recent difficult situation in Hankow continue to appear in the Press. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Labour Party, writes in the *Journal Forward*:—"One has nothing but the deepest gratitude and highest admiration for the men who controlled themselves—diplomats and Marines alike."

"Nothing could justify our authorities if they simply walked away from settlements which had been taken up by their people under security which they believed that the treaties gave them."
"We must have agreement, and during its negotiation ordinary precautions for safety must be taken."

"I think the past should be liquidated because it is the past. We are now at a late hour prepared for it. But it is good neither for China nor for us that the liquidation should be done by riotous crowds. If it is, conflict is as inevitable as tomorrow's sunrise, and we shall not be to blame."

"In any event this is clear. The Canton Government is responsible for the crowd that packed itself on to the barriers of the British Concession at Hankow, and if there was any bloodshed in consequence—falling aggression on part of the Marines, which no one seems to allege so far as I have yet seen—the authority that failed to control the crowd is to blame."

"If a government uses a crowd like the Hankow crowd for its own purposes, it must not be merely-mouthed as to the consequences. If, the crowd has got the upper hand in spite of the Government's efforts, it is that government that must shoulder the responsibility."

"I hold that the Concessions should pass under the control of the Chinese Government. But is that the purpose of the agitation? If it is, why do the French and Japanese Concessions remain? When posters appeared on the walls of the British Consulate after the evacuation, they appear to have been not expressions of Chinese Nationalism but of anti-British hatred."

"What is any government, to do under those circumstances? At the moment the issues are less in our hands than in those of the Canton Government, but the question remains: Are we to be allowed to liquidate in peace?"

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Prepared for Emergencies.

London, Jan. 15.
In view of the Chinese situation, Sir Austen Chamberlain is remaining in London over the week-end so as to be in close touch with the Foreign Office. A Cabinet meeting is probable to-morrow.

It is reliably stated that the British authorities on the spot in China—diplomatic, naval and military—have been given wide discretion to deal with any emergency that may arise.

Caution Commended.

The Government's cautious policy with regard to China is commended by the Sunday papers.

The *Observer* rebukes the Conservative critics who are girding at the Government's patient attitude, and thinks the British government never did a wiser thing than to nail its colours to the mast. The policy of recognising the fact of a new China, but maintaining the status quo until China is in a state to discuss the treaties, is a far-sighted one, and bound to reap its reward.—*Reuter*.

French Opinion.

Paris, Jan. 15.

The *Matin* says the defence of Shanghai has nothing to do with any particular policy towards the Canton Government. The French Government, while ordering all the necessary defensive precautions to be taken, has not the least reason to suppose the Nationalist Government has hostile intention against French interests or subjects.—*Reuter*.

POLISH PLOT.

RAID ON SECRET ORGANISATION.

Warsaw, Jan. 16.

Three dupes belonging to the White Russian Peasant Party have been arrested in connexion with the recent discovery of plots all over Poland against the State.

The arrests were carried out without the usual Diet authorisation, raising parliamentary immunity, as alleged proofs were found that they were regularly receiving subsidies amounting to several thousand pounds sterling monthly from the Soviet Government for preparing a secession movement among the White Ruthenians.

A swoop was made by the police on the capital, and later resulted in the arrest of several hundred Communists, belonging to all classes, including students, highly-placed civil servants, and wealthy businessmen.

The seizure of documents at Communist headquarters, revealed the plans, which included strikes timed for the early spring.—*Reuter*.

China's Treaties.

Brussels, Jan. 15.

M. Henri Rolin, former Chief Secretary, and M. de Ruelle, Legal Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, will represent Belgium at the Hague Court arbitration case arising out of China's denunciation of the Sino-Belgian treaty.—*Reuter*.

Belgian Note.

Peking, Jan. 15.
The Belgian Minister, M. de Warzee, in a note addressed to the Waichiaoou, dated January 13, states that Belgium, with a view to giving proof of a conciliatory spirit, has decided, pending negotiations soon commencing to suspend action before the Hague Court.

The note expresses the hope that a treaty on the basis of equality and mutual respect for territorial sovereignty will soon be concluded. It states that Messrs. Devos, Lambert and Van Cutsem, as technical advisers, will be associated with M. de Warzee in the negotiations.

The Waichiaoou reply, dated January 14, published this evening, says China will do her utmost to consummate the new treaty on such a basis, and suggests January 1 as a suitable date for inauguration of the joint task. It hopes negotiations will be speedily completed.—*Reuter*.

Holland Wants to Wait.

The Hague, Jan. 15.
The Government, replying to the British memorandum on China, states that prior to the official Chinese invitation to attend the Tariff Conference it had instructed its Peking representative to uphold the undertakings entered into at Washington liberally, and particularly the unconditional grant of the 2½% surtax.

The Government agrees that the British view of the situation has greatly changed since the Washington conference and is prepared to go as far as possible in satisfying Chinese aspirations.

While agreeing with the British Government as regards the surtaxes, the Netherlands considers the greatest circumspection at present necessary, especially in view of the civil war. Therefore, while agreeing generally with the British viewpoint, it doubts whether the suggested joint declaration of policy is opportune and whether it is not advisable to wait until the situation becomes less involved.—*Reuter*.

The War.

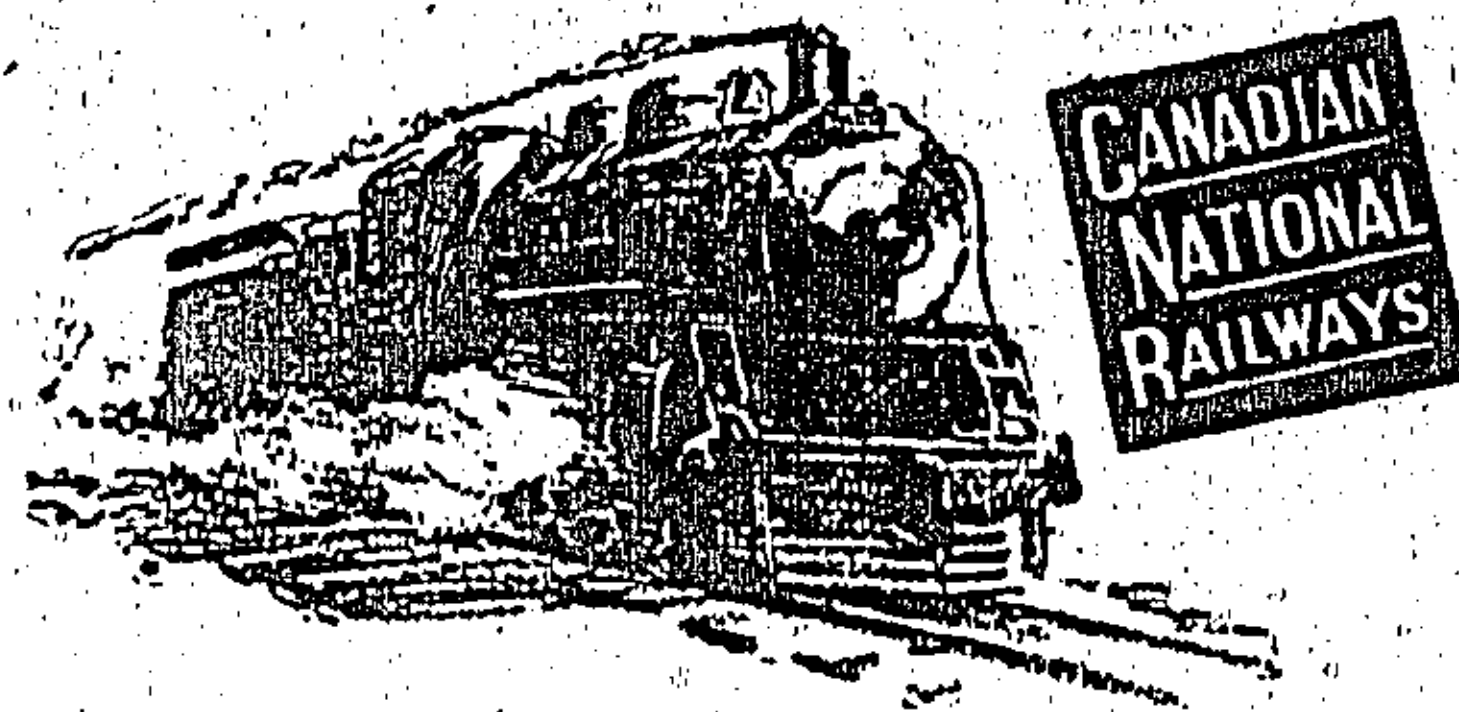
Shanghai, Jan. 15.
The Cantonese are reported to have suffered another reverse in Chekiang by the capture of Ningpo by Sun Chuan-fang's troops. The defeated forces are stated to be retreating into Fokien.

According to a communique, Sun Chuan-fang has occupied Yen-chow.—*Reuter*.

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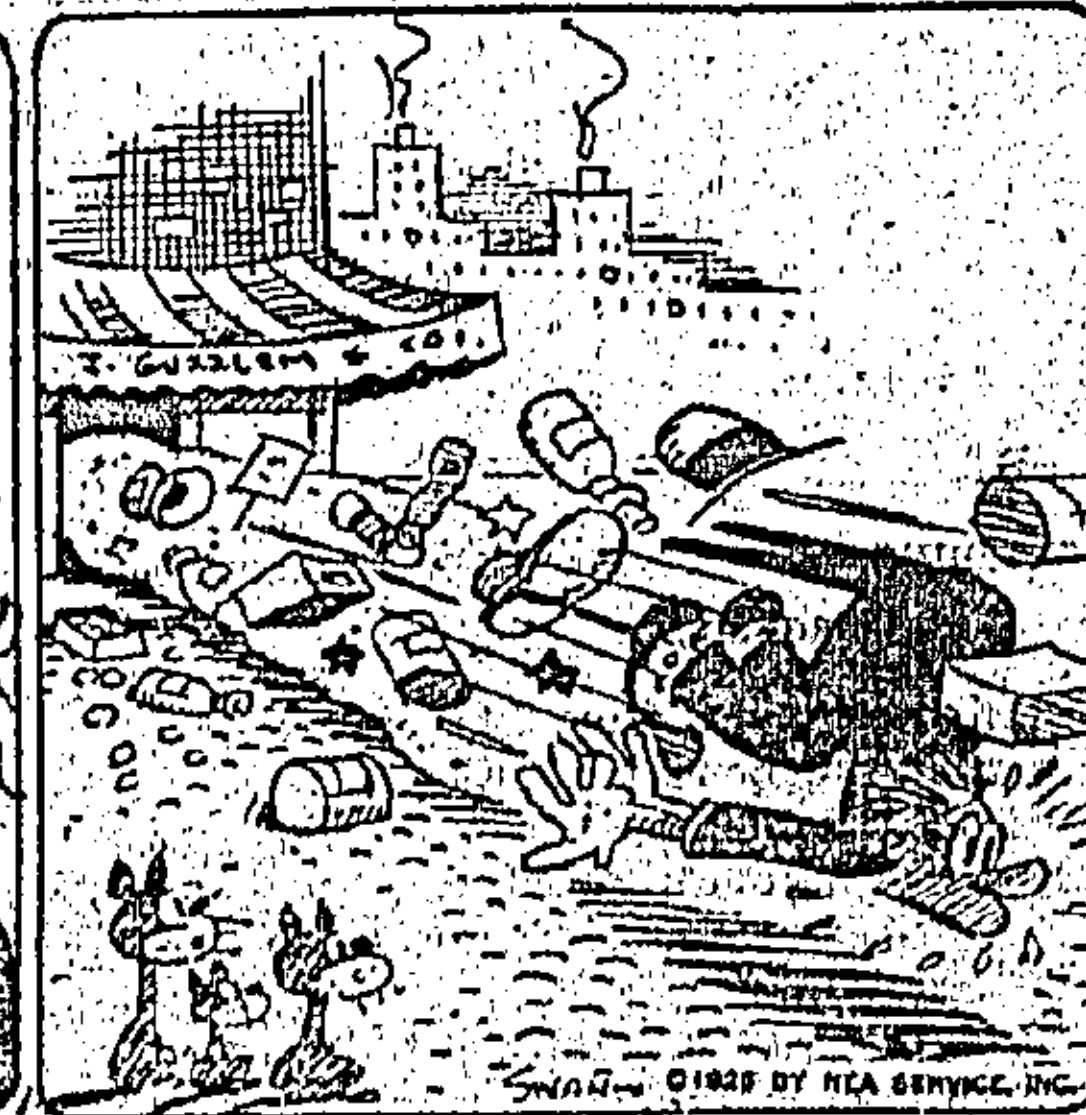
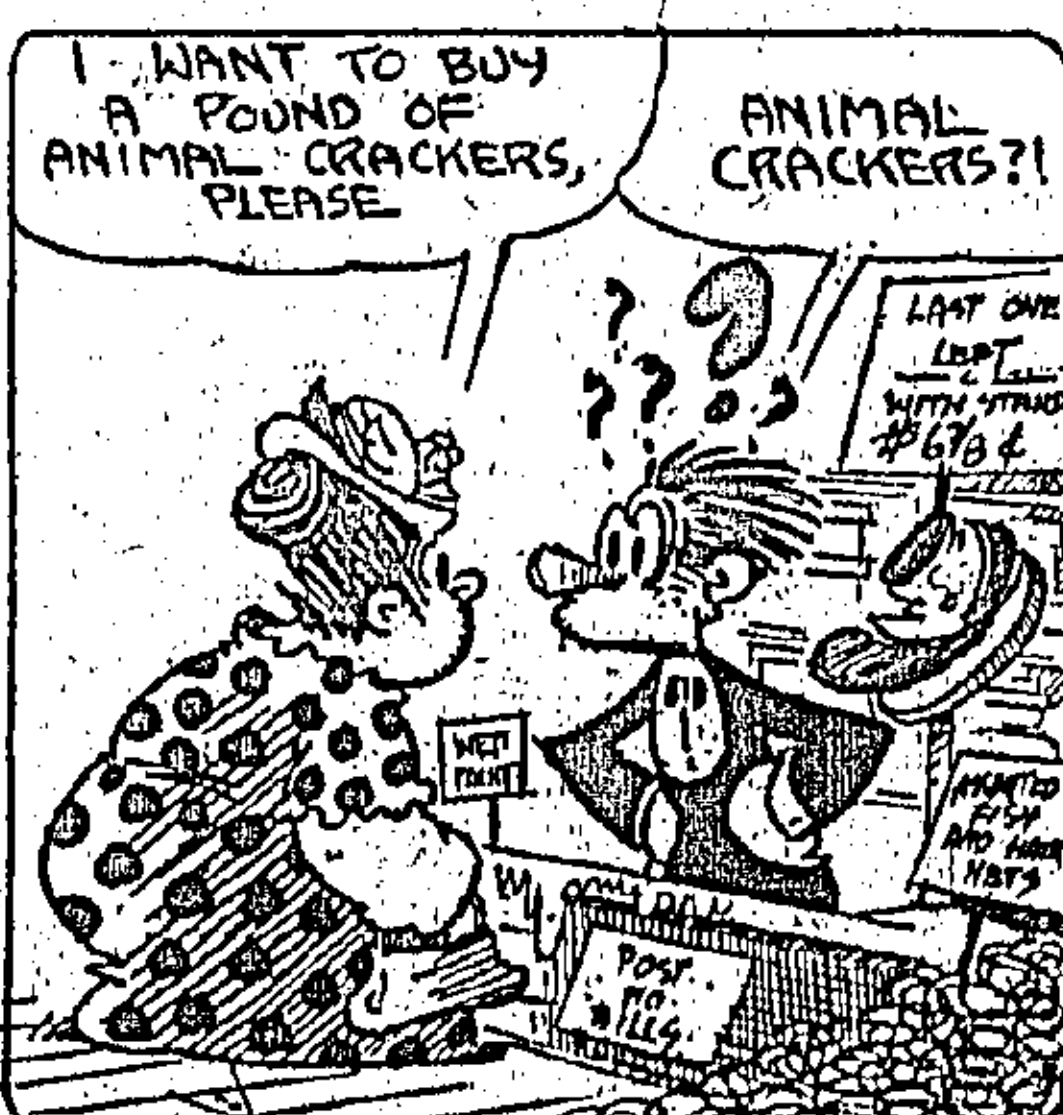
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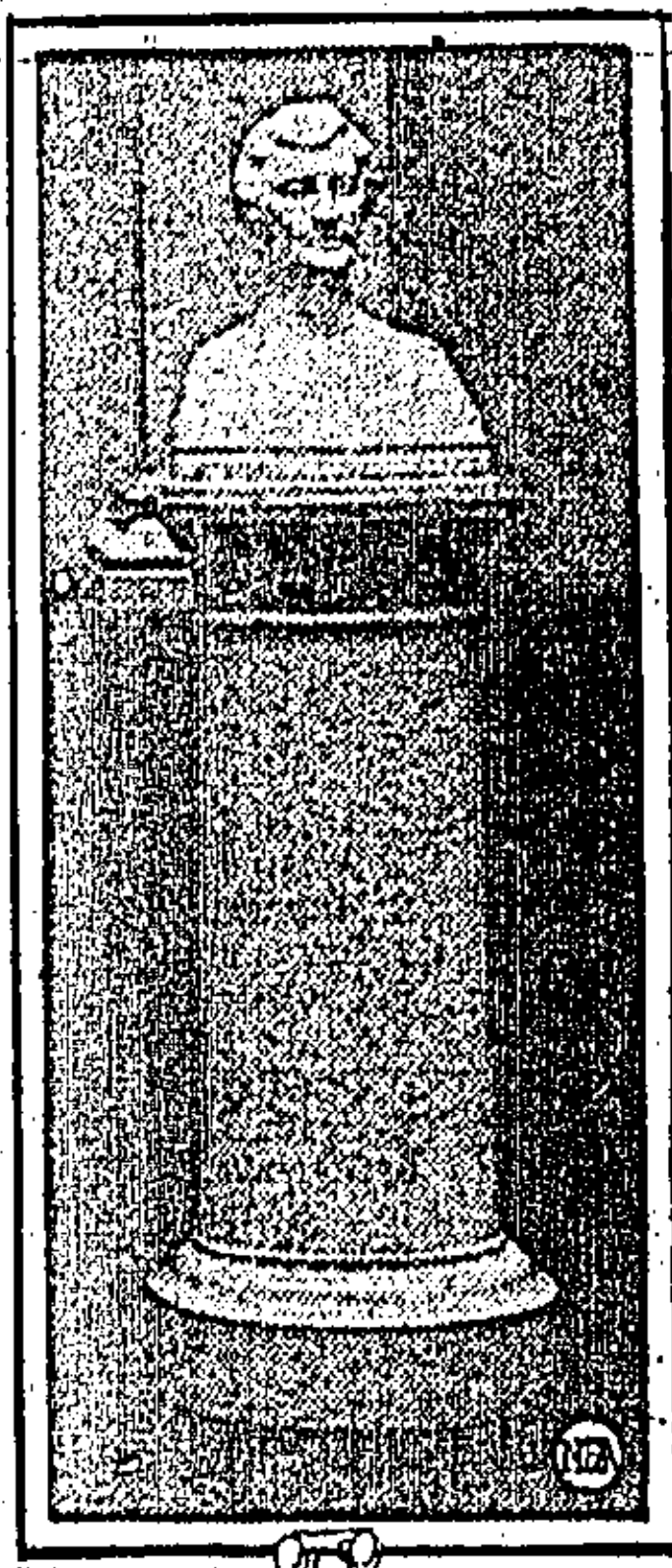




FOREIGNERS AND CHINESE MEET TO AID CHARITY.—This photograph shows the teams which met in the annual Engineers' Charity Cup match at Shanghai. The Foreign team defeated the Chinese by 5 goals to 1, but the game was full of exciting incidents. Afterwards some rowdies got out of hand and occasioned an unpleasant few minutes, which may have an effect upon the progress of the league, as one foreign club has refused to play on the Pioneer Field, the Chinese ground again.



THE LATE MR. G. D. COUTTS.—A recent portrait of the late Mr. G. D. Coutts, whose death occurred in London on December 24. Mr. Coutts had only left Shanghai during the month of November for medical advice in the homeland.



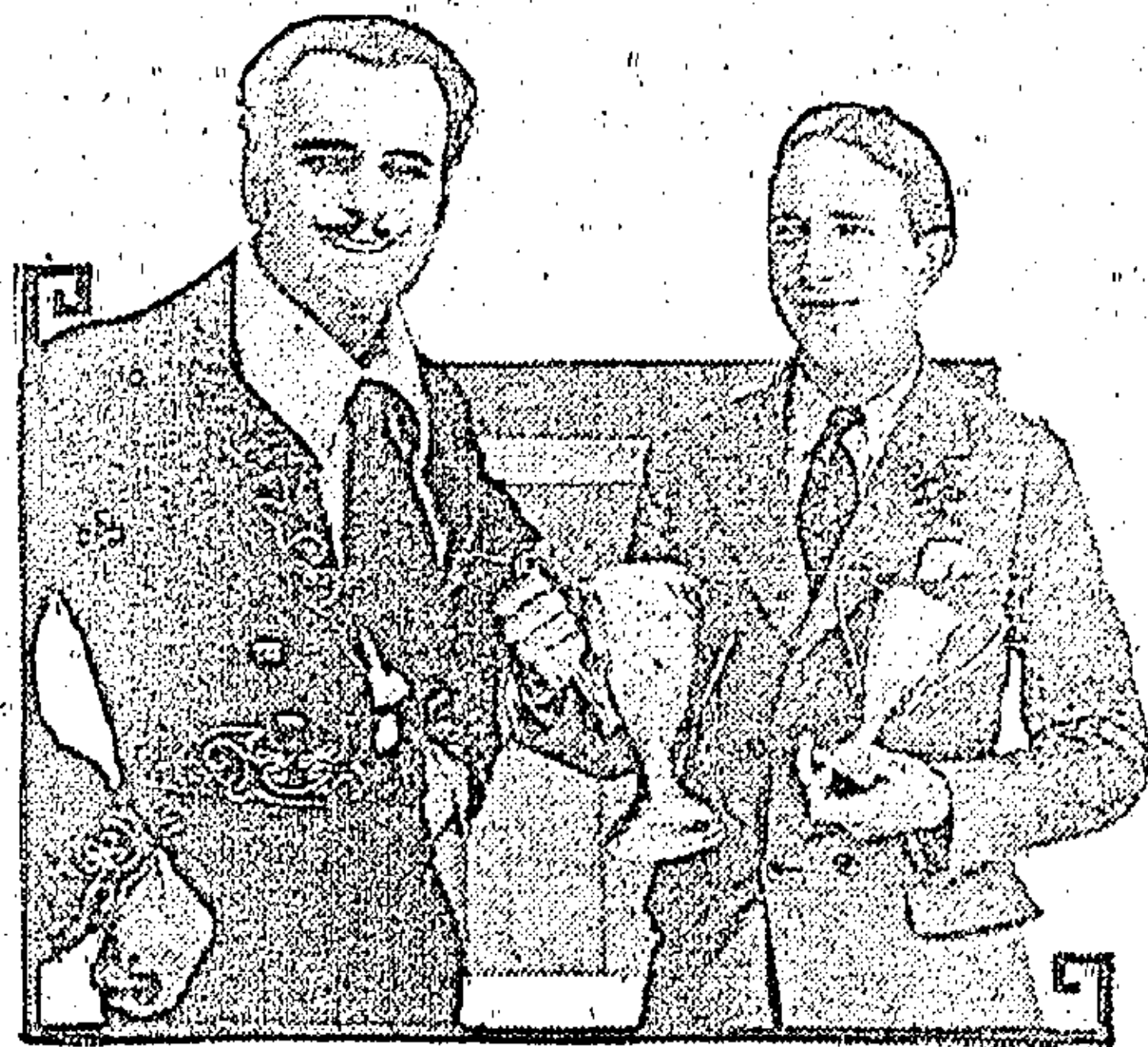
AROUSSED IRE.—Ire of Texas legislators was aroused when this bust of "Ma" Ferguson was placed in the capitol at Austin alongside a statue of Woodrow Wilson.



GREAT CHARACTER CINEMA ACTOR.—Emil Jannings, the noted German movie actor, is shown above with his pet humming bird, Sebastian. Below, Mr. and Mrs. Jannings.



IMPORTANT OFFICE.—Wisconsin has an anti-LaFollette governor-elect now, in the person of Fred R. Zimmerman. His first announcement following his victory was that Miss Ida Kissell, pictured above, would succeed Robert Siebecker, nephew of Senator Robert M. LaFollette, as assistant secretary of state.



KEEPING IN TRIM.—Douglas Fairbanks, with Tommy, Clark a tennis opponent, and cups won in a recent tournament.



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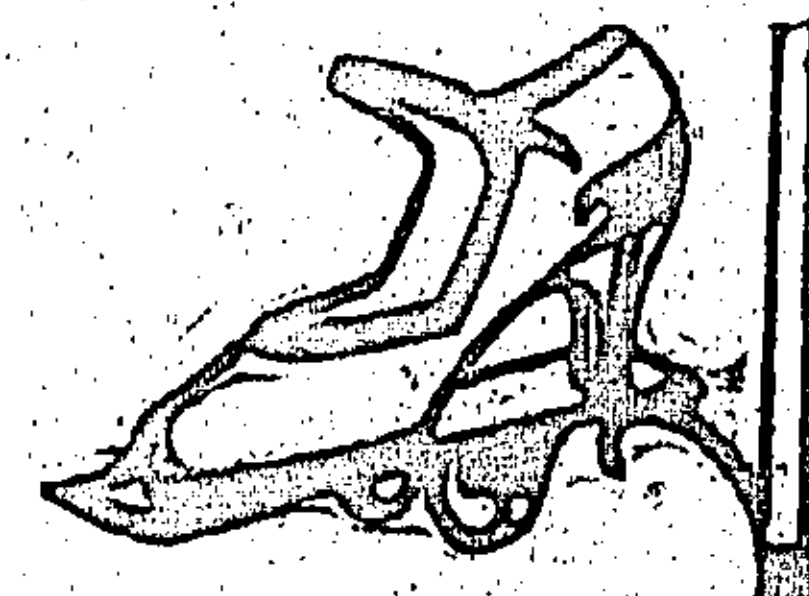
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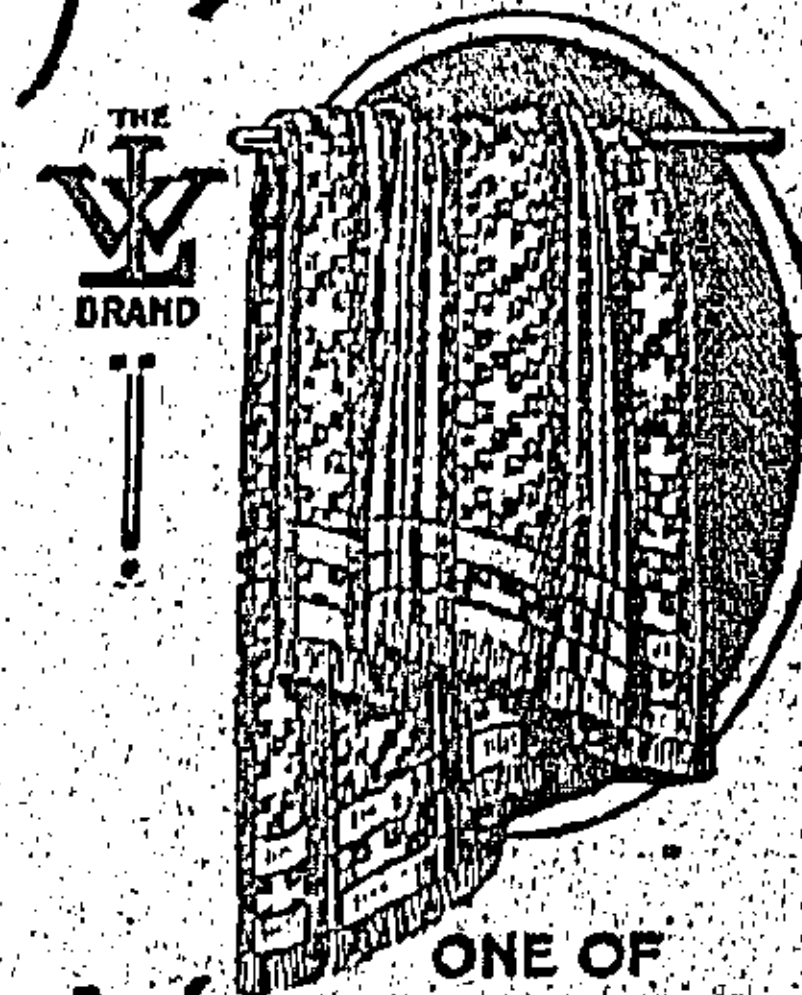
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proprietor, all persons having
claims against or owing monies to
the firm's estate, are requested to
send particulars thereof to the
Macao Office before Monday, the
24th of January, 1927.

NOTICE.

The Marriage Registry has been
transferred from the Secretariat
for Chinese Affairs to the Land
Office, Supreme Court, Hongkong.

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NOTICE.

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January, 1927, at 3 p.m., and must
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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February, 1927, next, if weather
permits. There will be only one
event at this Meeting, "The Trial
Stakes."

The first annual Spring Meeting
for China ponies is scheduled to
take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th
and 24th April, 1927. The Cham-
pion Sweepstake will be run on the
18th April, the 3rd day of the
Meeting.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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NARY GENERAL MEETING of
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pany will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., on THURSDAY, 27th Janu-
ary, 1927, at noon for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED
from Friday, 14th January to
Thursday, 27th January, both days
inclusive, during which period no
transfer of shares can be regis-
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By Order
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L. S. GREENHILL,
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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

The date for the closing of en-
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Division I.	
Aston Villa	1 Newcastle
Blackburn	2 Birmingham
Bolton	3 Leeds U.
Cardiff C.	0 Burnley
Derby C.	0 Arsenal
Everton	1 Tottenham
Huddersfield	3 Rury
Leicester	2 West Ham
Manchester U.	0 Liverpool
Sheff. U.	2 Wednesday
Sunderland	4 West Brom.

Newcastle	24	15	5	59	33	33
Burnley	25	12	7	6	60	40
Sunderland	26	13	5	8	61	45
Huddersfield	24	9	12	3	50	37
Bolton	24	12	5	7	50	32
Leicester	24	11	6	7	57	42
Tottenham	24	10	6	8	51	44
Arsenal	24	9	8	7	43	44
West Ham	24	10	4	10	38	36
Manch. U.	24	9	6	9	35	40
Wednesday	25	9	10	4	42	51
Sheff. U.	24	9	6	9	42	54
Blackburn	24	0	4	10	47	62
Liverpool	24	10	3	11	37	38
Birmingham	24	10	3	11	30	37
Aston Villa	24	9	4	11	47	48
Bolton	24	7	9	4	42	47
Derby C.	24	10	1	13	44	41
Leeds U.	24	8	4	12	44	49
Cardiff C.	24	7	5	12	30	41
Everton	26	6	6	14	44	62
West Brom.	24	4	4	16	32	60

Division II.	
Blackpool	2 Nottingham
Clapton	1 Preston
Fulham	2 Manchester C.
Grimsby	1 Barnsley
Middlesbrough	0 Chelsea
Notts C.	4 South Shields
Oldham	3 Darlington
Port Vale	0 Bradford
Reading	3 Swansea
Southampton	0 Portsmouth
Wimbledon	5 Hull C.

Middlesbrough	23	15	3	5	69	39	35
Portsmouth	24	13	5	6	42	28	31
Notts For.	24	11	9	4	44	33	31
Preston	23	11	8	4	45	34	30
Hull	24	13	3	8	35	23	29
Swansea	24	11	7	6	43	38	29
Chelsea	24	11	7	6	35	33	29
Southampton	24	11	6	7	41	36	28
Manch. City	24	12	3	9	58	41	27
Oldham	24	11	4	9	37	26	25
Port Vale	25	8	9	8	46	47	35
Blackpool	24	9	5	10	52	45	33
Reading	23	9	5	9	37	35	23
Sh. Shields	22	8	4	10	42	38	20
Barnsley	23	8	4	11	41	59	20
Fulham	24	7	5	12	33	53	19
Wolves	24	6	6	11	44	42	18
Notts County	23	8	2	13	40	53	18
Grimsby	22	5	7	10	43	53	16
Darlington	22	6	4	14	43	53	16
Clapton	23	5	5	13	31	53	15
Bradford C.	24	2	7	15	24	46	11

Division III (South)	
B'mouth	8 Aberdare
Brighton & H.A.	1 Brentford
Bristol C.	9 Walsingham
Charlton	2 Walsford
Leiston T.	1 Bristol R.
Nerthyr	3 Exeter
Northampton	2 Coventry
Norwich	0 Millwall
Plymouth	4 Newport
Queen's Park	0 Crystal Palace
Southend	2 Swindon

Swindon	24	15	6	3	66	42	36
Millwall	25	14	5	6	55	34	33
Brighton	21	13	5	3	46	22	31
Bristol C.	21	13	5	3	62	33	31
Newport	24	13	3	8	29	35	29
Plymouth	23	11	6	6	46	37	28
Luton	22	9	7	6	39	37	25
Brentford	21	9	6	6	47	33	24
Exeter	22	9	5	8	46	36	23
Southend	23	10	3	10	45	42	23
Crystal Palace	21	9	5	7	38	32	23
Bournemouth	21	8	5	8	41	38	21
Watford	24	9	2	13	35	46	20
Norwich	22	7	5	10	36	48	19
Coventry	24	9	1	14	41	54	19
Marthyr	22	7	4	11	34	41	18
Bristol Rov.	22	6	10	3	31	37	18
Q. P. R.	24	7	4	13	40	55	18
Charlton	20	6	5	9	25	31	17
Northants	25	6	4	15	33	55	16
Gillingham	23	5	5	13	30	46	15
Aberdare	24	4	3	17	31	60	11

Division III (North)	
Athlington	2 New Brighton
Barrow	1 Hartlepool
Bradford	3 Stoke C.
Chesterfield	2 Wrexham
Crowe	2 Rotherham
Nelson	4 Wigan
Southport	2 Lincoln
Stockport	1 Halifax
Rchdale	2 Accrington
Tramere	8 Doncaster

DIVISION II (North).

Ashington	2	New Brighton
Barrow	1	Hartlepool
Bradford	3	Stoke C.
Chesterfield.	1	Wrexham
Crowe	2	Rotherham
Nelson	4	Wigan
Southport	2	Lincoln
Stockport	1	Halifax
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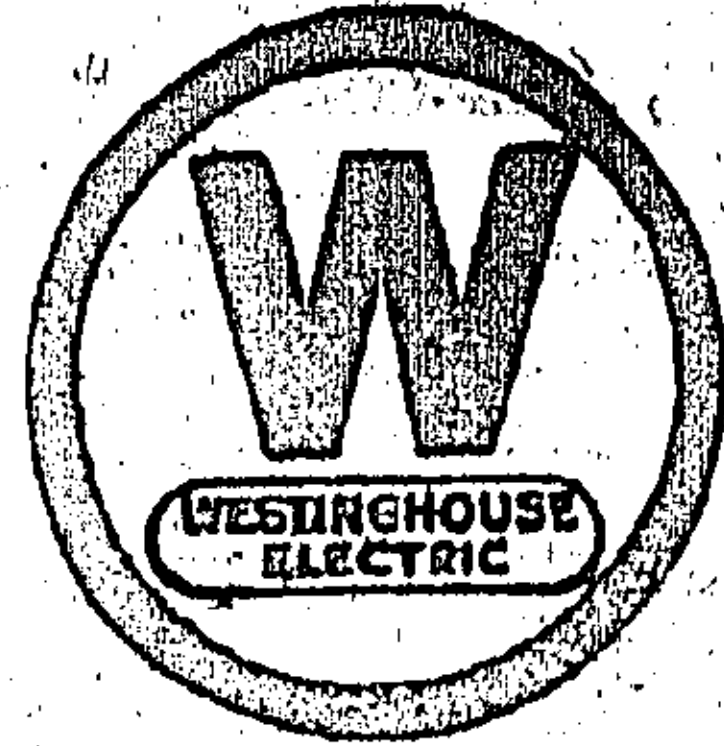
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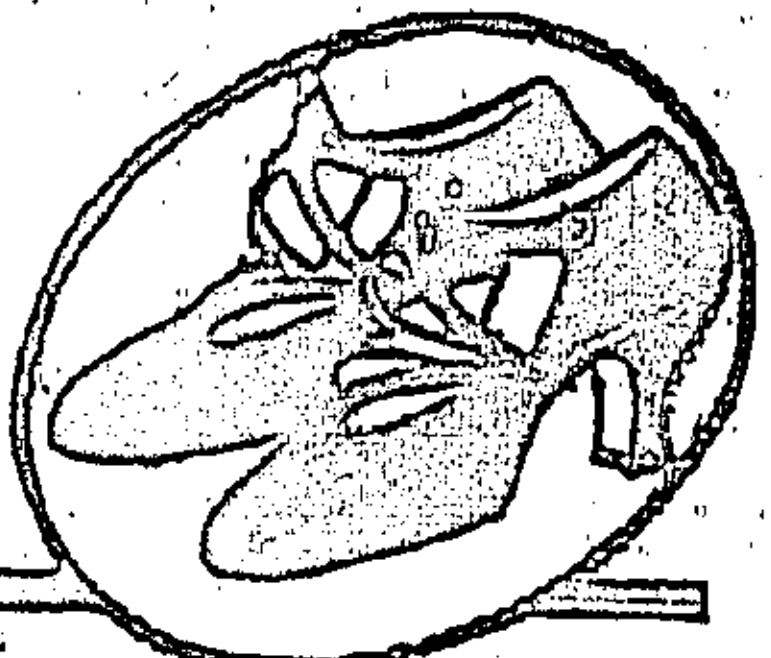
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NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

AMERICA'S PLAN TO ELEVATE GUNS.

New York, Jan. 15. Mr. Alanson B. Houghton, Ambassador at London, has sailed for Britain. He is expected to discuss with the British Government the question of elevating the guns of American battleships "so as to be on an equality with those of Britain and Japan."

The present range of American guns is declared to be 17,000 yards compared with 30,000 yards of foreign ships of the same class. It appears that Congress passed the elevation legislation four years ago. Britain objected to it as contrary to the spirit of the Washington arms agreement. Mr. Hughes, the then Secretary of State, concurred with the objection and the measure was repealed.

It is not thought Japan will object as she did not object when the previous measure was passed. - *Reuter's American Service.*

Passage Cancelled.

New York, Jan. 15. Mr. Houghton has not sailed, having cancelled his passage shortly before the liner's departure.

No explanation for this step is given. Mrs. Houghton and their daughters, and Mr. Houghton's secretary duly sailed. - *Reuter's American Service.*

Explanation.

New York, Jan. 15. It was subsequently explained that Mr. Houghton is remaining in order to be with his brother Arthur, who is ill in a hotel in New York.

The Ambassador denies that Nicaraguan or Mexican matters have anything to do with the postponement of his departure. - *Reuter's American Service.*

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

A £150 TALK.

Rugby, Jan. 15. The results of first week's public operation of the London-New York Wireless Telephone are regarded as highly satisfactory.

No serious interference, apart from sunset fading, has been experienced.

Twenty-seven calls were made on the opening day of the service, and this number has been more than doubled on each of the six succeeding days.

In no case has the Post Office had to forego its charge on account of bad reception.

Several important business transactions with New York are stated to have been conducted telephonically during the week, but the longest call was a social one lasting half an hour at a cost of £150.

Calls were booked yesterday from London to various other places in New York State to which the service has now been extended. An extension to provincial towns in England is expected shortly. - *British Wireless.*

DISARMAMENT.

U. S. FORWARDING ITS OBSERVATIONS.

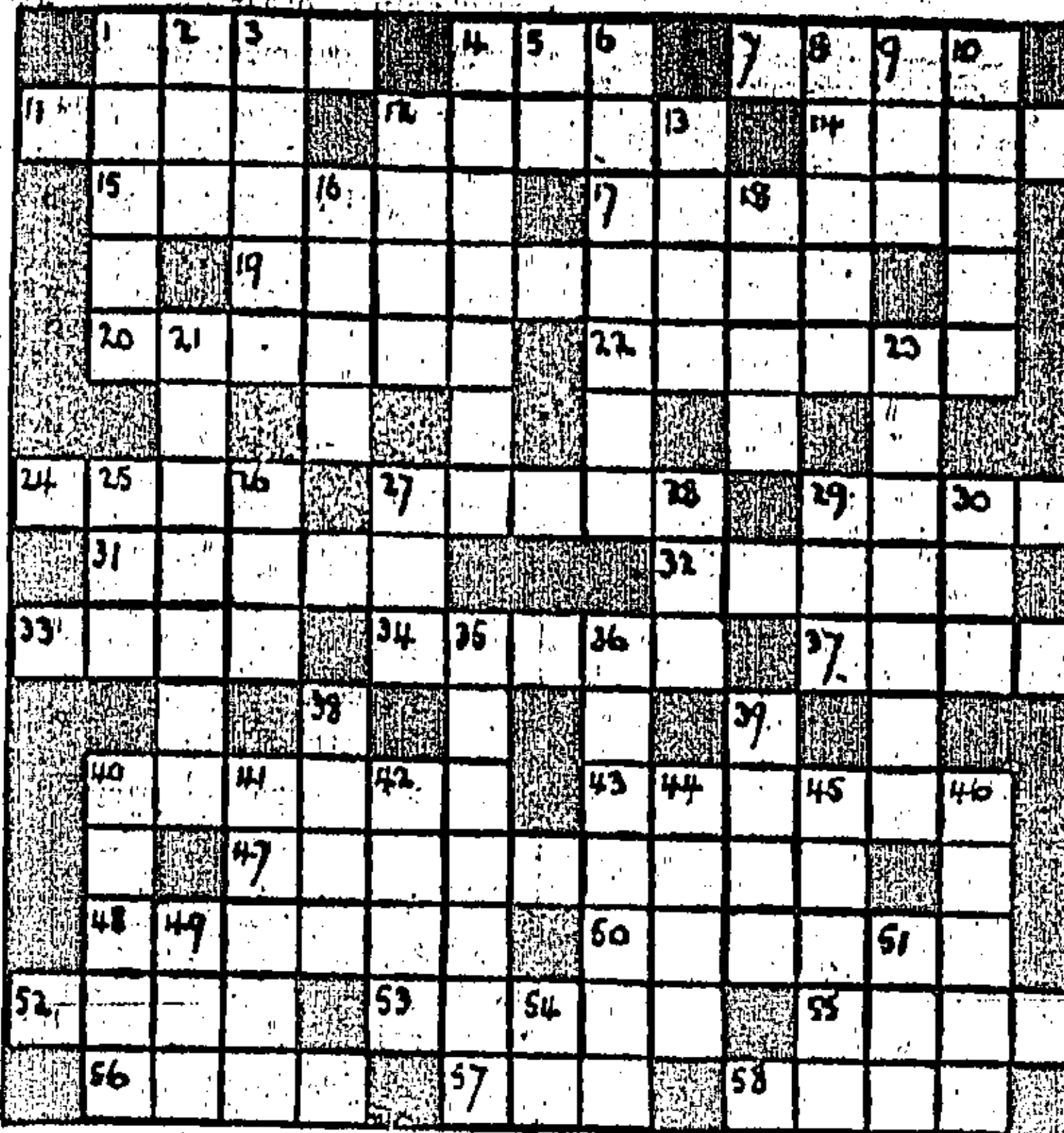
Geneva, Jan. 16. The United States charge d'affaires at Berne has sent a letter to the League Secretariat to the effect that the United States is shortly forwarding its observations on the report of the mixed committee on disarmament.

Meanwhile the charge d'affaires intimates the United States has definitely decided not to accept the committee's conclusions, on purely technical grounds. - *Reuter.*

Marseilles, Jan. 15.

The Chinese bishop, after visiting France, have sailed for China on board the *Portos*. - *Reuter.*

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Venture.
- 2 Strike lightly.
- 3 Serpents.
- 4 Mud.
- 5 Mother.
- 6 Church.
- 7 Rowing.
- 8 Single segment.
- 9 Treat hospitably.
- 10 Enrol.
- 11 Remove from a seat.
- 12 Laila.
- 13 Choir.
- 14 So be it.
- 15 Laughing.
- 16 Musical instrument.
- 17 Romain.
- 18 Barm.
- 19 Terminates.
- 20 Nickname.
- 21 Grecian governor.
- 22 Detest.
- 23 Serious.
- 24 Gloomy.
- 25 Centre.
- 26 Penetrate.
- 27 Allments.
- 28 Snug abode.
- 29 Devonshire hill.
- 30 Perfume.

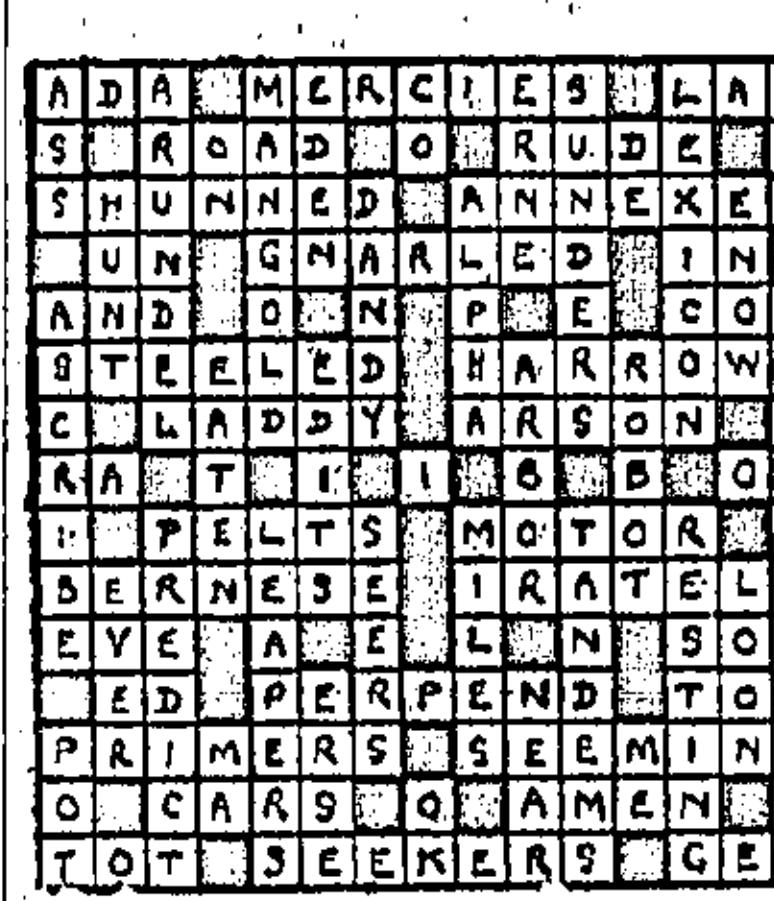
Down.

- 1 Mournful song.
- 2 Part of verb to be.
- 3 Laughing.
- 4 Overcoat.
- 5 There.
- 6 Roman cover from missiles.
- 7 Gleam.
- 8 Darling.
- 9 Small fish.
- 10 Floor covering.
- 11 Dull colour.

Girl's name.

- 18 Vapour.
- 19 Redundancy.
- 20 Calendar.
- 21 Skill.
- 22 Consume.
- 23 Farm building.
- 24 Distinct portion.
- 25 Period.
- 26 Finish.
- 27 Incontinent.
- 28 Thin.
- 29 Young child.
- 30 Tuna.
- 31 American quadruped.
- 32 Hubs.
- 33 Greater in amount.
- 34 Two.
- 35 Abate.
- 36 Calling attention.
- 37 Before.
- 38 High part in scale.
- 39 Towards.

Saturday's Puzzle.



AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

COMMITTED TO ARRANGE AN EXHIBITION.

A meeting to discuss the possibilities of holding an agricultural exhibition for the farmers of the New Territories took place in the offices of the District Officer at Tai-po on Saturday when a large number of local people interested in agriculture were present. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. A. Fraser.

There were in all some twenty to thirty persons present including Messrs. J. P. Braga, H. M. Gibb, Progliss, Stapleton, Mrs. de Martin and a large number of Chinese residents of the New Territories. The subject of the meeting was discussed and it was decided that a show should be held. A committee to carry out the necessary arrangements for the exhibition was elected and the meeting adjourned till some time in February.

The committee will make a study of all the important points before deciding on the date and place. It will be necessary to pick on the best time of the season for the exhibition and competitors from the Territories will most probably attend the annual Flower Show in order to gain the necessary information and experience on the preparation of exhibits.

PEACE PRIZE.

DONATED TOWARDS SCHOOL OF PEACE.

Chicago, Jan. 16. General Daves has presented his share of the Nobel peace award for 1925 to the Walter Page School of International Relations, John Hopkins University. - *Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN AERIAL TOURISTS.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT TOURISTS.

Managua, Jan. 16. The five United States army aeroplanes flying round South America have arrived. They were enthusiastically received, and the commander of the flight presented President Diaz with a letter of greeting from President Coolidge. - *Reuter's American Service.*

London, Jan. 15. It is understood that the Shell and Royal Dutch group are arranging the issue of \$25,000,000 4½ per cent. fifteen year gold bonds, of the *Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij* in New York, through the Dillon Read Company. - *Reuter.*

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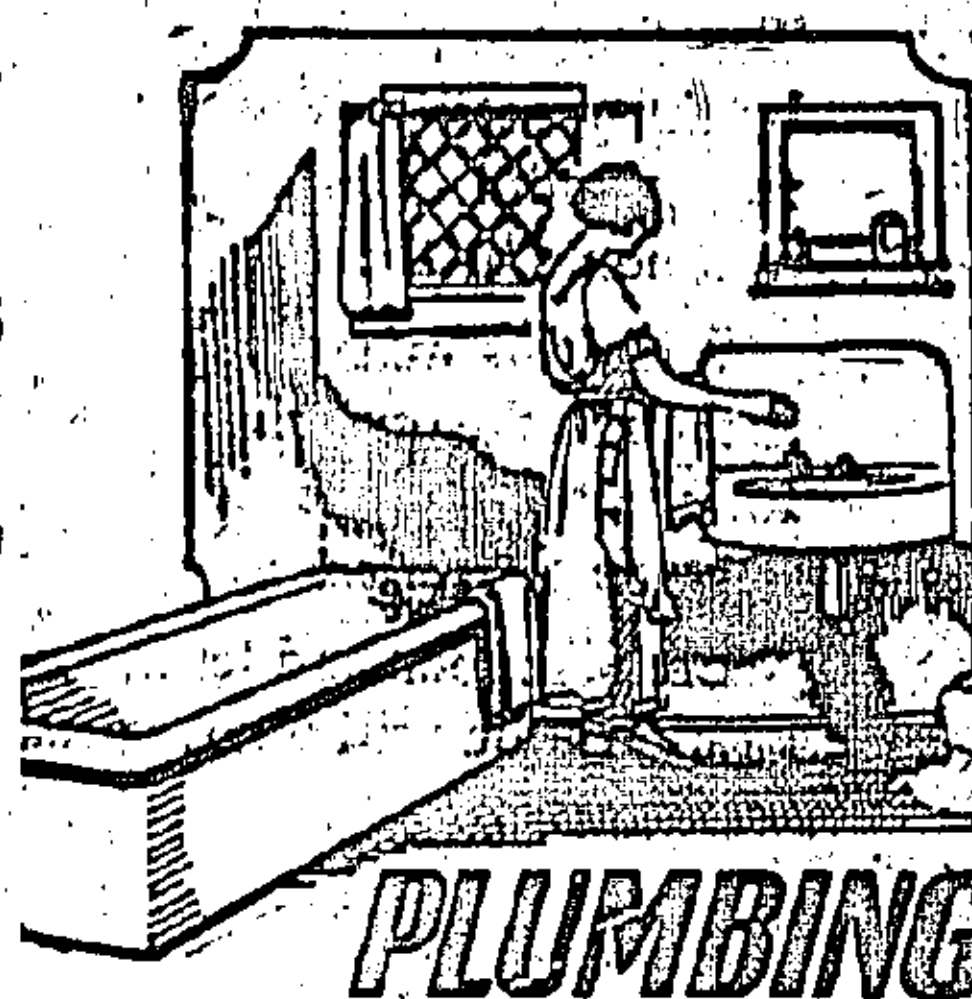
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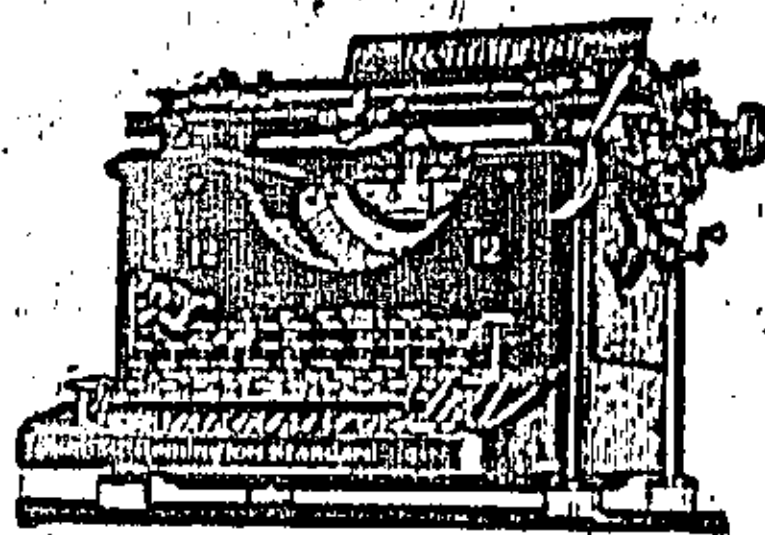
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POWERS & CHINA.

The Belgian reply to the recent British Memorandum suggesting the future policy of the Powers in their dealings with China, is, like the document which inspired it, extremely friendly and conciliatory in tone. Indeed, in view of what has transpired since the British Memorandum was issued it can be described as indicating a measure of goodwill towards the Nationalists which might easily be mistaken by extremists for something other than it really is. That is the danger of any policy based on conciliation, as recent happenings in the Yangtze region have fully demonstrated, and it thus becomes increasingly difficult to get matters put on a more satisfactory basis all round.

Belgium is extremely generous in her attitude with regard to extra-territoriality and Customs autonomy, but the opinion is expressed that the present moment would be inopportune for the issuing of a collective declaration of policy by the Powers, as suggested by Britain. This objection is based on a fear that, with the frame of mind existing in China at present, such a declaration, however liberal in character, would give rise to erroneous interpretations. That, of course, is conceivable, but it is equally to the point to say that the absence of some such pronouncement has already been misconstrued by the extremists and has undoubtedly encouraged them to persist in a policy which in the long run must, if not checked, lead to a crisis of the gravest possible character. The fact that practically all the recent troubles along the Yangtze have occurred in British Concessions is of itself sufficient to show that Britain is being especially singled out for attack, but it must surely be apparent that if the movement is not stopped, the turn of the other Powers will not be long in coming. In regard to the position in Shanghai, where there is an International Concession, the Powers are working in unison, and it seems to us to be inevitable that they will be drawn closer together by happenings in other parts of the country as well. The old policy of playing off one Power against the other is scarcely likely to work to-day, nor is it probable that by concentrating against Britain in particular are the Nationalists going to win the

friendship of other Powers. As a Shanghai commentator recently put it, the Powers are not so disassociated in interests and divided in objects that injury and offence to one will not affect the others.

The hope is expressed by Belgium that, by agreements willingly reached with China, all foreigners will be assured the same treatment and the same guarantees. That is a desirable end to aim at, but it is most likely to be attained by all the Powers agreeing to a common policy in their dealings with the Chinese. Such agreement, accompanied by a joint declaration, would do much towards removing the present uncertainty. It would, moreover, have a sobering effect on the radical elements now causing so much trouble in the country. In any event, Britain will not take further insults and manifestations of empty lying down. There is a limit to her forbearance as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in his latest utterance, makes perfectly clear.

Wireless Wonder.

The more one learns of the achievements in the realm of wireless telephony the more one is convinced that a great epoch-making and revolutionising discovery has been made, available for the general betterment of humanity. Men on merchant ships in the Arctic Circle have been holding oral conversations with each other, although the boats were up to 1,100 miles apart, and from this it is very easily possible to imagine the time when the penetration of the world's solitudes by the human voice will make those solitudes less isolated. The results of the first week's public operation of the London to New York service, has been an outstanding success, according to the report made by the Rugby station and it is reported that the extension of the service to several of the big provincial towns in England is expected shortly. At the moment, there is a very elaborate organisation of "two-way" transmission necessary and the restriction of the service is inevitable, but research and experiment in the matter of wireless is perhaps more virile than in any other direction and it is highly probable that the time is not very far ahead when wireless telephony will be made a much simpler and more widespread medium of communication. We are as yet only on the fringe of a great field. It is very gratifying to think that British skill and enterprise is in the very van of this new endeavour, and that it has been the experiments conducted at the powerful Rugby station which have brought about the practical application of the previously-known possibility which could not be made operative. Telephonists of the United States have added their quota to this great extension and the collaboration of British and American experimentalists is not the least pleasing feature of the past week's wonderful happenings.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 15.	122.010
Paris	34.91
Brussels	12.13%
Amsterdam	20.45
Berlin	18.21%
Copenhagen	34.44
Vienna	192.75
Helsingfors	2.17/32
Buenos Aires	40.15/32
Shanghai	2/0%
Yokohama	4.85 11/32
New York	25.19
Genoa	113%
Milan	18.17
Stockholm	18.32%
Oslo	153%
Prague	30.15
Madrid	5.25/32
Rio	1/8
Bombay	1/11%
Hongkong	25 1/2
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25.5/16

—British Wireless.

The Kai-loo Chinese School, under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will hold its annual prize distribution at the Grand Theatre, Wanchai, (by kind courtesy of the Hongkong Amusement Co., Ltd.) on Thursday, January 20, at 4 p.m. Mrs. The Ku-po has kindly consented to distribute the prizes and Mr. A. E. Wood, the Director of Education, will be present.

DAY BY DAY.

NONE SO BLIND AS THOSE WHO WILL NOT SEE.—Matthew Henry.

The Empress of Asia left Yokohama for the trans-Pacific run on Saturday afternoon and is due at Vancouver on Monday next.

Four tons of unserviceable cordite will be burned at Stonecutter's to-morrow, says a notice to mariners.

The death of a deck passenger from consumption is reported by the master of the s.s. Kiangsu, which has arrived from Bangkok and Swatow.

The dead body of a Chinese woman was found hanging at her home at No. 280 Wanchai Road, early yesterday morning. The case was apparently one of suicide.

Mr. Salisbury's popular company, "The Quints," are at present playing to full houses in Rangoon, and are to appear at Penang on the 24th instant and then Singapore.

His Excellency the Governor is to conduct the annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, on the Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m. on the 25th instant.

During the week-end, a burglar entered the first floor of No. 268, Des Voeux Road Central, and stole clothing and jewellery, the property of a Chinese, of the total value of \$1,373.

We learn that the Sanning piracy case will be heard at this month's Criminal Sessions, which commences to-morrow, and that it will be tried before Mr. Justice Wood, the Puisne Judge.

Whilst attempting to alight from a moving bus in Nathan Road, a Chinese pitched on his head and was seriously injured, yesterday. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar, with the English mails, left Singapore on Saturday and is due here early on Friday morning. The same company's s.s. Delta is also arriving on Friday from Singapore.

Amongst the passengers who left Hongkong on Saturday by the s.s. Tai ping were Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Vida, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, Mr. G. A. Moncrieff, Mr. R. J. Glendinning and Mr. G. Harris.

A Chinese arriving in the Colony on board the C.C.L. steamer Tjiliboet, was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with possession of an air rifle and one box of shots. A fine of \$75 was imposed.

A motor-accident, involving the death of a Chinese coolie, occurred on the waterfront at West Point, on Saturday night. His view being screened by the bale of goods slung across his shoulder, the coolie was prevented from noticing the approach of the car, and he was knocked down and killed on the spot. The body was removed to the Public Mortuary.

Miss Aileen Woods, whose singing to the Surveys when they were encamped on Murray Parade ground just prior to leaving Hongkong was marked by a tangible expression in the form of a silver gift, has received a letter from Pte. R. Nunn stating that the Battalion has settled down in India. He says they all regretted leaving Hongkong, the memory of which will last for ever, and adds that they will never forget their "little friend" who did so much to make their last moments in the Colony so happy.

ST. PAUL'S BAZAAR.

THE MOTOR CAR DIP.

From the fact that the tickets from the motor car dip at St. Paul's Bazaar were numbered, some misconception seems to have arisen. These numbers mean nothing. They were intended only for sale-checking. The car will be won not by the usual draw system but by the "lucky dip" system. It is necessary for all holders of tickets to go along to the bazaar, or send someone, to dip for the car. He who draws "No 1" is the winner. The car is still to be won and "dipping" will be in progress to-day.

The Bazaar is at China Building and it is intended to continue it until Wednesday evening, at 9 o'clock.

SELF-CONTROL.

A PRESENT-DAY LACK.

[By Dr. Frederick Graves.]

Someone has lately said there is to-day, perhaps as a legacy of the war strain, a marked lack of general control.

It is very true. Almost every day seems to bring its outbursts, law cases, assaults, suicides and murders. People seem to be in danger of losing their grip and their grip on the commonplaces of life and sanity. A man or a woman is pressed, worried, disappointed. Instead of facing the music and putting up a fight as of old, the sufferer throws up the sponge, has a breakdown, makes a scene, and disappears or does something serious.

Scarcely a week passes but some young man, jealous or jilted, turns on his friends or his girl and smites, shoots, or slashes. And if he gets to the dock he feels himself a hero and fairly sure of sympathy in a court full of hysterical women.

There is to-day far too much giving way to every wind of impulse. If anything goes wrong all the world is to blame and must know it. The ordinary struggling, sane person is getting not a little tired of the antics of these unbalanced people who want the world's spot-light focussed entirely upon their doings.

The old type of criminal is fading out but, on the other hand, the crimes of young erratic people, the offences of jealousy, intrigue, disappointment, and passion are becoming so numerous as to provide a serious problem to our reformers.

Prison has little terror to-day, and even the gloom of the scaffold is to some extent mitigated by the limelight of notoriety it brings to a certain type of vanity. The time is coming when, if we are not to emulate Chicago, where, according to a recent work on American crime, there have been 8,000 murders in the last ten years and there are estimated to be at least 100,000 murderers at large, we shall have to tighten up our gentle prison system and our kindly laws, and make easy-going and thoughtless offences and crimes expensive and painful to those who commit them.

"THE BIG PARADE."

CROWDED HOUSES AT THE QUEEN'S.

Packed houses greeted the initial screenings of "The Big Parade" at the Queen's Theatre yesterday. This is the film which has had such a lengthy run at the Tivoli in London and which came in for much criticism when it first appeared. It takes some two and a half hours to screen, and owing to that fact there are only three sessions at the Queen's during the present run—namely, 2.30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. Those who wish to see it are advised to book early, as many people had to be turned away yesterday, so great was the demand for seats.

As is generally known, "The Big Parade" is a Great War film and it is mainly concerned with the experiences of three sharply contrasting types of Americans whilst on service in France. It is an intensely "human" picture—dramatic and romantic, with some very clever touches of comedy. There are some very grim scenes of the actual fighting, in which war is shown in all its horror, and if one or two of these are a little unreal, nevertheless there is plenty to grip the imagination and hold the interest to the end. The film as shown yesterday makes one wonder what all the fuss was about when it was first released, for to us it appeared quite a natural and well-drawn story of life in those grim days of war, slowly developed to a romantic climax. There is much that is spectacular in the film, which is conceived and carried through on large lines, whilst the acting of John Gilbert and Renee Adoree is extremely powerful and the comedy work of Karl Dane and Tom O'Brien is really excellent.

The only assets reported at the bankruptcy examination of Major Harry Bailey, Birmingham solicitor, were a metal watch, valued at 2s. 6d., and his law books.

Tokyo.—The Osaka-Shanghai aerial mail service may be opened in the near future, following trial flights, according to the vernacular press. The schedule calls for flights between the two ports via Moppe, Korea, in 27 hours and 20 minutes.

The Very Idea!

A current London musical-show spills the following line concerning American divorce laws: "I say, I understand she was married three times." Yes, indeed, she was married three times, twice in America and once in earnest.

Women's fashions during the last few years almost killed the corset industry. Now it is being revived in a strange way says a Paris paper—the men are buying them. From a growing demand from fat men, young and old, the shops are beginning to display corsets for men.

A correspondent to the *Spectator* writes:—Your correspondent from the *Athenaeum* has unfortunately in his test story given a version very difficult to believe.

No counsel when pleading before the High Court in a "case concerning a public house," would say, as your correspondent states, "and by the way that reminds me only last week I saw your Honour (sic) going into such and such a public house."

The more plausible version as given in a recent number of a legal publication is: "A member of the Senior Bar . . . remarked by way of illustration, 'Supposing I saw your Lordship going into a public house'—'Coming in, you mean,' observed his Lordship sweetly."

One of the greatest changes in the last 50 years in ocean travel, has been in the amount of water allowed persons on shipboard. Transatlantic steamers used to allow steerage passengers three pints of water a day. Now the consumption of water by third class passengers on an average trip is never less than 15 gallons a day, and often as high as 50 gallons a day for first class passengers.

"I don't believe there are germs in kisses," said the young man.

"For that you may have a kiss," said the girl. "Nor do I believe there are bacteria in ice cream."

Then it was his move.

An unmarried woman, asked at Shoreditch County Court how she would deal with her lodger who had quarrelled with his wife, replied: I will wait till I marry before I talk of managing a husband.

Solicitor at Lambeth: Did your wife give you a hearty welcome? Man: Yes, she picked up a frying pan.

If there is a parasite among human beings it is the honorary member of a golf club—Judge Terrell.

Willson magistrate. It is much more wholesome that married couples should live together.

A lawsuit had succeeded in securing damages of £150 for an Irish workman who had fallen off a ladder, and the agent was "profit-sharing" in the settling up.

Pat was counting his share over and over again.

"You find the amount correct?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes, the money is all right, but I was just wondering who it was that fell off the ladder."

Magistrate (to seedy-looking man)—"Where were you born?" "Dundee."

Magistrate—"Were you brought up there?"

Prisoner (with a smile)—"Aye, often!"

The Archbishop of York, in the course of a recent address, said it was not easy to keep high ideals in these days when we heard a great deal about the equality of the sexes.

"I had a curious reminder of that other day," he added, "when I was travelling in the Tube in London. The carriage was, as usual, crowded, and a lady was standing near me. I confess she was not attractive. Her aspect was very 'vinegary,' and through her spectacles she looked out with defiant eyes, and I instinctively felt she was a champion of her sex. All the same, timidly I rose, and from the old instincts of my manhood offered her my seat. She replied in a decisive voice, 'No, thank you. Thank God the sexes are now equal!'"

WATCHMAN CHARGED.

THE WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW INCIDENT.

Another week's adjournment has been ordered in the case in which Kunda Singh, an Indian watchman employed by Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company, at their Store at Des Voeux Road Central, is charged with assaulting a 17-year-old Chinese boy, on the night of the 8th.

It is alleged that the defendant maliciously pushed the boy through a window, opening out on to a lane at the rear of the shop, and caused the latter to fall a distance of 30 feet, resulting in injuries, which at one time it was feared, would prove fatal. After a week's stay in hospital, however, his condition had passed the critical stage, but he is still unable to walk.

When the case came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day, Chief Detective-Inspector Murphy said that it would take the best part of another week for the boy to recover sufficiently to attend the Court. The police applied for another week's remand, while they agreed to bail of \$250 being granted to the defendant.

Replying to a remark from the Bench, Mr. Murphy said that this amount was sufficient. Bail was granted and a week's remand ordered.

"HANOI" PIRACY.

POSSIBLE EXTRADITION CASE.

Extradition of the defendant for trial by a French Court, in Indo-China or Kwang-Chow-Wan, which places are included in the itinerary of the vessel involved, was indicated by the Magistrate when a man was brought up on remand this morning, on charges arising from the recent piracy of the French coaster Hanoi.

Chief Detective-Inspector Murphy regretted that he had no instructions to that effect.

Mr. Lindsell said that apparently there was some idea of the man being extradited.

The Chief Detective-Inspector said that as far as their Court was concerned, the ship was expected to return here on Thursday and would again sail within two days. That left them with very little time to carry on with the evidence, and in so far as this evidence would be useful on the charges raised, it would be given by two witnesses from the steamer, in addition to formal evidence of the commission of the piracy and murder of one of the guards. He did not know if his Worship would consider putting the case over for the next voyage, for he was given to understand that none of the Crown advocates would attend, owing to work at the Criminal Sessions. In their place the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King) would conduct the prosecution.

The case was provisionally adjourned until Thursday morning.

"BUSINESS VERY BAD."

HARD TIMES FOR HAWKERS.

"You have got a licence—there is no earthly reason why you should not have renewed it," said Mr. Lindsell this morning to an old Chinese who, charged with lacking a licence, pleaded that he could not renew it.

The defendant said times were so bad that he could not even realise the wherewithal to buy a new licence when the old one expired.

Sergeant Nolloth: That is true your Worship. Business had been very bad, and hawking has not been profitable during the past year. A good number of people—old hawkers—have been to the Hawkers' Office with petitions.

The Magistrate (to defendant): Fined \$2. You have got to renew your licence, or else you cannot hawk.

HAS WEALTHY FRIENDS.

Replying to a plea for leniency from an aged Chinese on account of his age and circumstances, Sergeant Nolloth, at the Police Court this morning, said that the man, who was charged with hawking poultry to the detriment of the legitimate business of the lazzis, was nevertheless able to obtain assistance from some friend or relative, in finding his bail of \$25.

Mr. Schofield imposed a fine of \$3, which was double the penalty inflicted on a previous occasion.

MORE ANTI-CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY.

NOISY DEMONSTRATIONS IN KWANGSI.

STUDENTS RAID CHAPEL.

The Christmas and New Year anti-Christian demonstrations at Nanning and other West River towns were the largest and noisiest yet seen, writes the *Telegraph's* Nanning correspondent. All school pupils and some labour organisations took part.

Reports to date show no bodily injury, but at Wang Chow the students entered the Alliance Chapel and tore things up badly. They carried away the seats and fixtures, but later these were returned by the local magistrate's orders.

At Naam Heung, the paraders endeavoured to enter the chapel on New Year's Day, but as the doors were barred, they contented themselves with pelting the place with stones and tearing down the sign-board.

The New Year's celebration at Nanning was the biggest ever seen and included theatricals and lantern processions at night. The speeches had to do with the victories of the Revolutionary Armies and the golden era just dawning on China. The Labour Unions were much in evidence, and all branches seemed to be well represented. The speeches were loud in the favour of Communism, and the participants constantly yelled "Down with Capitalism and Imperialism." There was also a contingent of villagers who were yelling for Communism and the abolition of land rent.

They were especially loud in their denunciation of the local official for upholding some of the landlords in the collection of even a reduced land rent. Taken as a whole the celebration was orderly.

The New Year was brightened by presence in port of two Customs Commissioners—Mr. Carl M. Peterson, who was just leaving for Peking and Mr. Horatio Hawking, who just arrived from Shanghai to take over the post.

Dr. H. Lechmere Clift has been spending a few days at his hospital in Nanning, planning for further improvements and advances as the times permit. He made the trip by the way of Lung Chow, where Mrs. Clift, who had accompanied him from Hongkong, stopped to visit the little Chinese orphans to whom she has devoted so many years of service.

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

K.R.A. ACTIVITIES.

The monthly meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held last week.

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary, in reply to one sent by the Association, stating that the Government were not prepared to re-open the Kowloon Dispensary in the central district of Kowloon.

As the Kowloon Hospital is somewhat difficult of access, and in the case of accident the delay might entail risk to a patient, it was decided to request the Government to reconsider the matter.

The China Light and Power Co. has stated that the increase of voltage will be carried out "without any expense whatsoever to the consumers." As lamps of higher candle-power using more current must be used, and on account of various other considerations, the Committee expressed some doubt as to this statement, if the present cost per unit is maintained. It was agreed to write to the Company for some assurance on this point.

The Children's Playground Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed the officials in charge concerning the plot of land promised by the Government in the vicinity of Holt's Wharf. The Committee decided to write to the Government to accept their offer and to enquire if the Government will proceed with the development of the plot in accordance with the plan, as soon as funds are available for the purpose. They hoped that the planting of the trees might be undertaken at once.

New York.—Otto Urban took detective lessons by mail. He bought a revolver. Then he shot himself accidentally, and when he recovered was arrested for possession of weapons. So he has given up his correspondence school badge.

WINSTON CHURCHILL IN ROME.

CONVERSATION WITH MUSSOLINI.

Rugby, Jan. 16.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, arrived in Rome yesterday from Athens, via Brindisi.

Although the visit, during which Mr. Churchill is the guest of the British Minister, is private, his arrival in Rome is warmly welcomed in the press, which regard it as indication of friendliness of Anglo-Italian relations.

Mr. Churchill called upon Signor Mussolini yesterday and had a long conversation.—*British-Wireless.*

VERDI LETTERS.

AN INTERESTING PUBLICATION.

Vienna, December 1.—The Zsolnay Verlag has just published a remarkable collection of letters by Verdi. Franz Werfel, an enthusiastic admirer of the composer, has edited it and written an interesting preface, while Paul Stefan, the Vienna critic, has made the translation. The letters present a highly characteristic self-portrait of Verdi as man and artist.

Both as a composer and family man he was strong, self-willed and severe, hardly ever making compromises, but he never wronged anyone. When he married a second time he wrote to his former father-in-law in a very decided tone, telling him that there was no reason for reproaches of any kind, since he (Verdi) proceeded according to his own conscience, knowing that he was in the right. He was very proud, too, of refusing an order of high distinction conferred on him by the Ministers of the Interior and Education, because the Ministry some years before had said that no real opera had been composed since the time of Rossini.

From those letters one sees how hard Verdi worked as a musician and at his librettist's books of words, never giving in to the taste of the public, but taking his own line and insisting on what he required. Thus the reader gets an insight into the creation of "Aida," "Macbeth," "Traviata," "Othello," "Falstaff," etc. After seventy, he was in despair that he could no longer work, but all of a sudden inspiration came again, and as its result "Othello" and "Falstaff," with their great success. As a friend he was faithful and grateful, and in his last will, apart from others, he left legacies to all his Viennese friends. He ordered a simple, second-class burial. On that occasion the tremendous crowd intoned a famous song from his opera, "Nabucco."

In the summer of 1847 he spent several weeks in London, from which he wrote some interesting letters. He complained of the climate and the smoke, which "choked" him, and called London "the city without the sun." On the other hand, he described it as a "magnificent city."

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The recent premiere at the State Opera of Verdi's "La Forza del Destino" was a great success. The new book of words by Werfel, which, if one may say so, is up-to-date, is considered superior to the old one in Italian.

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It is highly probable that the measurements of California's largest oak have been far exceeded by those of numerous British oaks, such as Damory's Oak, near Blandford, in Dorset, which was 36ft. round 17ft. above the ground and no less than 68ft. round at ground level. This monster must have reached its prime about the time of the Battle of Crecy. By Oliver Cromwell's time its core had decayed, leaving a hollow 15ft. wide and 17ft. high. It was then turned into an ale shop.

The Clyn Cetrlog Oak, growing on Mr. Bush Baker's estate, near Chirk Castle, in Denbighshire, had a circumference of 51ft. It must have been planted in the reign of King Egbert, and was still standing in 1810, a thousand years later!

Our famous Fairlop Oak, in Hainault Forest, for many centuries a picnic resort for East Londoners, was 48ft. 6in. round, though so many fires had been built in its cavities that it became weakened and split in 1804, reducing its girth to 36ft. It had 11 massive arms.

The Duke of Portland's park at Welbeck Abbey had been the home of several of the greatest oaks in Britain. One of The Two Porters had a girth of 38ft., the other of 34ft. The Green Dale Oak in the same park was found to have a girth of 36ft. 10in. Five miles away, in Sherwood Forest, there were some 10,000 fine old oaks, the king of which had a girth of 34ft. 4in.

It would be interesting to learn which are to-day the biggest trees in Britain. Some monster Goliath of an oak, well known to local countryfolk but never brought to public notice, may well exist in a thicket of one of our old English forests.

MEN'S NEW CLOTHES.

THE PRESENT FASHIONS.

[By Fonthill Beckford.]

I wonder whether the new shade of brown, now so popular with the undergraduates at the University of Oxford, which I would term cinnamon, will be generally taken up as the popular colour for country or plus four suits.

Certainly it is already the colour at both Oxford and Cambridge. Not only are sports suits being made from it, but I also see it in pull-overs, jerseys, and stockings.

The craze for the diamond effects in loud designs seems to have had its run, and to be giving way to a jacquard pattern, reduced down and worked up in two tones of any one colour. Another feature of the present season is the vogue for knitted wear in dusted effects. The run on blues, browns, and greys, in contrast to the designs of other years, is also very strong.

An innovation which will appeal more particularly to English sportsmen, or fellows living in a rainy climate, is the introduction of a golf suit made from singard cloth or gabardine. I have seen a number worn at Addington, Huntcombe, and Sunningdale, and they have much in their favour. They are rain proof, they drape excellently, they can be obtained in the most unusual colour combinations without being in any way loud or aggressive, and they will make splendid trousers, so that a man may order a four-piece suit consisting of jacket, waistcoat, and plus fours as well as trousers, thus providing himself with kit that will do duty on almost all outdoor occasions.

Caps are again having a revival. The Prince of Wales has recently ordered a flat top with rather a large peak, the latter formed from a material that will not warp in the rain or break with continual wear. He chose a cream ground with a dark blue and cinnamon overcheck. Personally, I think caps are infinitely superior to the soft felt hat for golfing wear. There is no brim to flap up and down, and furthermore in rough weather a cap is tidier headgear.



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SATURDAY NOT A DAY OF SURPRISES.

TROUBLE ON THE VALLEY.

[By "Wanderer"]

Interest in the Senior League struggle was resuscitated on Saturday by the defeat of both the Royal Artillery and the Hongkong Football Club. Curiously enough both teams lost by the same score. The K. O. S. B. Chinese Athletic and Kowloon now enter into the running for the runners-up position although chances still favour the H.K.F.C.

Kowloon Reserves piled up the highest total of the day, a nippy forward line scoring seven goals against Chinese Athletic "B."

A disturbing incident occurred in the course of the Junior "B" game between the section leaders, St. Joseph's Reserves, and Chinese Athletic "A." The Chinese spectators invaded the pitch, but timely intervention by a few bystanders saved the situation. In the course of the game two Chinese players and one St. Joseph's man were ordered off the field.

THE RESULTS.

Defeated teams found the not on few occasions, the complete league results being as follow:

Division I.	
R.A.	0 Kowloon
H.K.F.C.	0 K.O.S.B.
South China	0 Police
Division II "A."	
Kowloon	7 Chinese "B"
Chinese "A"	0 St. Joseph's
South China	0 Recreation
University	2 R.A. Res.
Division II "B."	
St. Joseph's	2 Chinese "A"
Bank	3 South China
Moslems	6 Boy Scouts

THE CLUB'S DEFEAT.

Scoring once in each half, the Borderers maintained their run of success at the expense of the H.K.F.C., who had not been defeated since November 6th. The home side were minus Bishop, Stewart and Howard, and the substitutes whilst working hard, added little to the effectiveness of the side. The forwards did good work in midfield but were rarely dangerous in the region of goal and Anderson had a comfortable afternoon.

Humphries scored the first goal from a pass by the Rev. Alexander, and the centre-forward returned the compliment in the second half, passing across the goalmouth for Alexander to net with ease. Barham and Everest were outstanding in the K.O.S.B. defence, while good work was done by Toal and Twynholm, the new right wing.

A DOUBLE REWARD.

The Police snatched victory by the only goal of their game with South China, and were doubly rewarded, the match being fought out for four points. The Police were much the better side in the opening half and but for superb defensive work by Li Tin-sang, aided and abetted by Cheung Wing-shing and Lau Hing-cheung, a crop of goals must have ensued. Hudson got through close to the interval after several much easier chances had been missed.

On resumption South China improved and the Police defence was kept on tenterhooks. Wynne was in fine fettle and Clark brought off many capital saves.

KOWLOON'S SECOND HALF DISPLAY.

At one time in the match between Kowloon and the Royal Artillery it appeared that the visitors would win by a comfortable margin. Two "sitters" were missed by the Gunners in the first ten minutes, Durand brought off several superb saves, while the Kowloon forwards failed to get going.

Ward, the R. A. outside right was a constant source of danger,

POINT-TO-POINT.

RACE AT FANLING.

A strenuous point-to-point race over a course of six miles was ridden yesterday at Fanling under the auspices of the Fanning Hunt. There were as many as 24 starters, the winner of whom proved to be Mr. A. H. Potts who was riding Craigavon. Dr. Reidy on Mowgli was second, and Mr. J. Pym, who was riding Mr. Potts' Two Pairs, was third. The last named was the first member of the Mounted Infantry to finish and he therefore won the M. I. Cup. Tiffin was afterwards served at the "Hunters Arms."

HONG FOURS.

SATURDAY'S GREAT RACE.

The annual race for the "Hong Fours" Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. E. B. C. Horrell, took place at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon, when ideal rowing conditions prevailed, except, perhaps, that the weather was a little warmer than the crews appreciated.

There were four entries, these being the P. W. D., the A. P. C., the H. K. and Shanghai Bank and the H. K. Electric Company, and the result, after a gruelling race over the mile course, was a dead-heat for first place between the P. W. D. and A. P. C., with the Electric Company's crew third and the H. K. Bank a close fourth.

The crews and officials were:—
P.W.D.—S. Robertson (stroke) G. W. E. Nelson, E. Baker, W. R. Andrews, (bow) and H. J. Pearce (cox).
A.P.C.—M. J. Mack (stroke) T. W. Sutcliffe, P. T. Orr, G. T. May (bow) and A. H. Rogers (cox).
H.K. & Shanghai Bank—V. R. Jones (stroke) A. C. Groves, R. Macpherson, R. A. Jardine (bow) and J. H. Sutcliffe (cox).
H.K. Electric Co.—T. Padgett (stroke) T. L. Foster, G. S. Thompson, A. R. Cox (bow) and J. P. Paul (cox).
Dr. E. J. Mitchell and Mr. F. J. Zosterbrock (Hon. Sec. of the Club) umpired the race, with Mr. Jordan as judge.
Messrs. H. Brown and E. S. Carter officiated as starter and clerk of the course respectively.

At the very start of the race, the A. P. C. and P. W. D. established the lead and these two crews fought out the whole course and went over the finishing line "dead-heat" in a great race and amid much excitement. The Bank ought to have finished third but lost ground through erratic steering.

and but for his tendency to shoot instead of centring the ball, the R. A. must have been ahead at the interval.

Ward was police-maned by Duncan on resumption and the game underwent a complete transformation. Kowloon were on top throughout the second half, and netted twice. The first goal came about ten minutes before the end Sims scoring with a splendid shot from Pile's centre. Before the end Muir struck the upright with a good shot and McKelvie netted easily from the rebound.

Kowloon tried out a newcomer, Tiernan, at inside-right, and while he failed to get going in the first half, he showed considerable promise after the interval. McKelvie led the forwards but he was badly supported, and rarely had an opportunity to shine. Sims was a little off colour in the first half, but played superbly on resumption. Wheeler, Caville and Durand played well throughout.

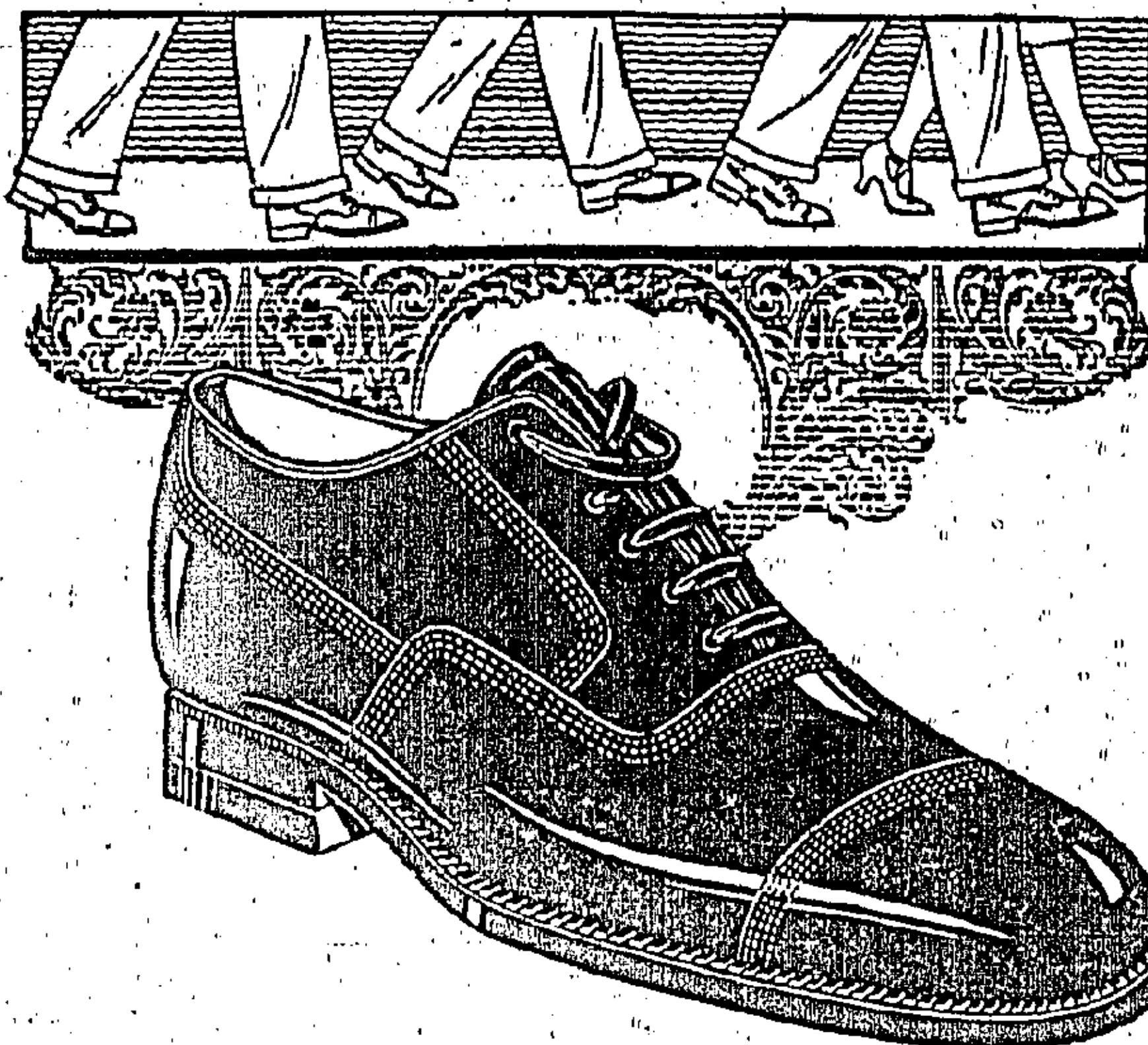
WITH THE JUNIORS.

A curious goal accrued to Kowloon Reserves in the course of their game with the Chinese Athletic "B." The goalkeeper saved a hot one from Eastman, swung his arm to throw out, and in so doing held the ball over the line. Kowloon scored six other goals and there was nothing dependent on the point.

Kowloon fielded a new centre-forward and he netted four of the goals, two in each half.

The University and the Recreation Reserves were successful, while a keen game between St. Joseph's and the Chinese Athletic "A" ended in a goalless draw.

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AMERICA'S CHANNEL.

HUNDRED SWIMMERS IN RACE.

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WON BY YOUNG CANADIAN.

New York, Jan. 16. A message from Point Vincent, California says that the seventeen-year-old Toronto lad, named George Young, won the 22 mile swim, his time being 15 hours and 45 minutes.

Sullivan and Toth, the English Channel swimmers gave up early. Miss Clarabelle Barrett, the New York School teacher retired after fourteen miles.—*Reuter's American Service.*

At the conclusion of Saturday's match at the K.C.C., during which Mr. F. Goodwin took four wickets with four consecutive balls, there was a fraternal gathering in the Clubhouse to congratulate Mr. Goodwin on his performance. The President of the Club presented Mr. Goodwin with a souvenir—three stumps mounted on a stand, and also the ball with which he did the trick.



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He accuses his wife of inordinate extravagance, to which she replies by saying that it is true that the day before the quarrel with her husband she went on a shopping trip and bought \$1,600 worth of clothes. "But what significance," exclaims her attorney, "has \$1,600 worth of clothing for a millionaire's wife, particularly in view of the fact that Chaplin himself recently spent \$10,000 on a pleasure trip to New York?"

Accusing the comedian of refusing to allow her to take possession of her children's clothing, Mrs. Chaplin asked: "Isn't it strange this sudden love for his children Mr. Chaplin is now exhibiting?" while her lawyer remarked: "I never heard in the past of his mad desire to hold his little ones."

As soon as the studio closed in the afternoon the comedian visited the grandparents of his wife, and in their house dangled the children for half an hour. Simultaneously Mrs. Chaplin visited the comedian's home and collected her clothing and that of her babies.

"I'm going to fight to the last ditch—in every court in the land—for the custody of my children," Charlie afterwards announced, to which Mrs. Chaplin retorted: "We shall see about that. I have proof of my own and shall retain the custody of the children."

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Paris, Jan. 15.
The French naval aviators, Lieut. Bernard and Warrant Officer Boughault, by waterplane motor

MEXICAN OIL LAW.**PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT AFFECTED.**

Tampico, Jan. 15.

The Mexican Government has refused to permit companies which have not recognised the new land and petroleum laws to drill oil wells.

Oil exports say the decision will seriously affect the production of oil, rendering thousands idle and causing loss not only to the companies but to local commerce.

Work will be suspended in the various camps of the Mexican Oil Company and subsidiary companies.

It is estimated that 46 drills are ready to be sunk, and that this would have given employment to 3,000 workers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Injunction Suits.

New York, Jan. 16.

It is announced that injunction suits will be filed against the Mexican Government by all the American oil companies operating in Mexico if President Calles carries out his intention of cancelling the drilling permits, issued since the beginning of the year, of companies that have not recognised the land petroleum laws.

Advices from Mexico City report there is much confusion regarding the cancellation of the order, and it is even added that the Department of Industry has hitherto not announced any cancellation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CENTRAL AMERICA.**NICARAGUAN POLITICS.**

Washington, Jan. 15.

Admiral Latimer has notified the State Department that he has withdrawn from Lacoba (Honduras) the warship he sent there last month for the protection of foreigners. It being no longer required.—*Reuter's American Service.*

President Diaz's Offer.

Washington, Jan. 16.

The Nicaraguan Legation has published President Diaz's latest offer to the dissident Nicaraguan Liberals, of which the outstanding feature is a proposal to hold an election for the Presidency in 1922 under United States supervision.

He further suggests that he will complete his current term of office with the Liberals filling a number of important executive and judicial posts.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Argentine Interest.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16.

A meeting of some fifty Latin-American societies to protest against intervention by the United States in Nicaragua, was attended by thousands of students, and many speeches were delivered.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EVOLUTION.**THE SCOPES' TRIAL RECALLED.**

New York, Jan. 16.

The notable trial in July, 1925, when John Scopes was fined \$100 and costs for teaching evolution in a local high school was recalled in an appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court of Nashville, which while finding, with one dissentient that the anti-evolution statute under which Scopes was convicted was constitutional, agreed that the verdict should be quashed, as a fine exceeding \$50 must be imposed by a jury and not by a judge.

Scopes' lawyer announced the appeal would be carried to the United States Supreme Court, "to decide whether any act or creed may impose a dogmatic opinion on the educational system of the State."—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMAN POLITICS.**CURTIS FAILS TO FORM CABINET.**

Berlin, Jan. 14.

Dr. Curtius has notified President Hindenburg of his failure to form a Cabinet owing to the Conservatives not seeing their way clear to co-operate in the Government with the Nationalists.—*Reuter.*

A Coalition.

Berlin, Jan. 15.

President Hindenburg has commissioned Doctor Marx to negotiate with different parties with a view to the formation of a coalition cabinet.—*Reuter.*

Paris, Jan. 16.

The French Treasury receipts from all sources in 1925 totalled 35,647 millions of francs, showing an increase of 9,589 millions on 1925.—*Havas.*

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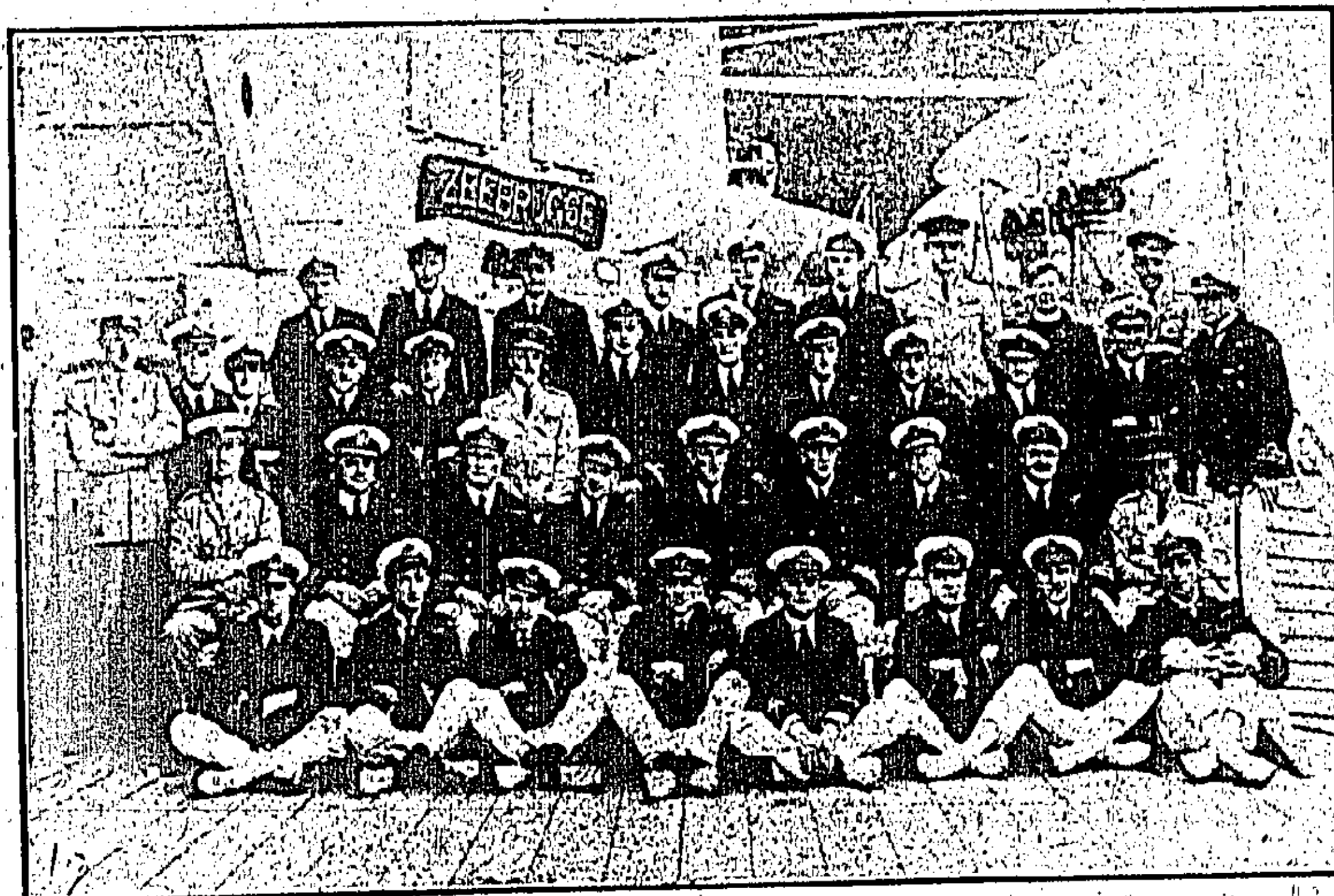
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Above are the officers of H.M.S. Vindictive, photographed just before the cruiser left
Hongkong for the North. (Photo: A. Hing).

GUILD'S CLAIM.

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books. There was also a debt of \$120 owing to him, and it was agreed at a meeting of members of the union that that sum should go to the Union funds when collected, and he was accordingly credited with that amount.

In reply to Mr. McCallum, defendant said, when the strike broke out in 1925 all the men, with the exception of the foremen, left for Canton. He did not know what happened to the funds. The Union supplied the men with their passage money, either for train or steamer.

In reply to his Lordship, who asked the object of the questions, Mr. McCallum asked whether it was or was not an illegal and unlawful Society. If it was, surely it had no rights in that Court.

His Lordship remarked that it might not be an unlawful Society, yet it might do an unlawful act.

THE SOCIETY FUNDS.

Mr. Losely quoted a case on the point, and his Lordship said it seemed to show that in that case a Society acted illegally in accordance with rules. They had to come back to the rules. He allowed Mr. McCallum to proceed.

Mr. McCallum: "Do you know of any acts of charity which the Society has done?"

Defendant: "Never. No charitable act has been done, to my knowledge. Defendant added that the money was usually invested in property to pay the active members."

The case was adjourned until Saturday morning in chambers, when Mr. McCallum will intimate whether he wishes to proceed further after inspecting the books he wishes to see.

SWATOW "REDS."

(Continued From Page 1.)

on the open ground in front of the Chinese Maritime Customs when armed British sailors rushed from their ships and commenced their slaughtering. Several of our nationals were killed and the numbers of wounded are counted in hundreds. The people now call upon their Government to assist them in boycotting the British and all British goods." Again, comment is unnecessary.

A.P.C. STRIKE.

For some time past the A.P.C. have been having trouble with their tin-making coolies, who have been demanding exorbitant increases in their wages. Negotiations have now failed and the tin-makers have gone out on strike.

It was feared at one time that, should these people strike the whole of the A.P.C. staff would go out in sympathy, but this has, fortunately, been avoided and, although at the present time a strike on the part of any employees of a foreign firm is a thing to be viewed with a certain amount of apprehension, it is not anticipated that this will go beyond those immediately involved.

BOYS WANTED IN CANADA.

DEFECT OF PRESENT SYSTEM.

"One defect of the present immigration system is that we do not catch our colonists young enough," said a Canadian official with whom a *Daily Mail* correspondent in Calgary discussed this aspect of the development of the Dominion. "If we brought out a greater number of boys, and fewer adults who are 'set' in their ways, the result would be more satisfactory."

There is no denying the fact that much of the anguish and despair incidental to settling a newly arrived family on the land is due to their helplessness in a strange environment.

Hence the desire, expressed to me by immigration experts in both East and West, to "catch them young." They would increase the exportation of healthy lads from Great Britain, and train them up in the way they should farm, so that by the time they are fully mature they will have become practical Canadians, familiar with every complication of agricultural life.

EX-Premier's Scheme.

Various schemes to this end are under discussion. One which may prove productive in the near future is now being considered by the provincial Government of Alberta.

The Hon. J. Greenfield, ex-Premier of Alberta, has prepared a plan which he hopes will be approved by the provincial Government, and he expects to go to London before the end of the year to discuss its features with the Imperial authorities. He wants to recruit lads of from 17 to 21, first "trying them out" for two months on an English farm under Canadian inspection to see whether they are adapted for that kind of life, and then placing them with farmers in this province.

Mr. Greenfield has, in view a large cultivated area, comprising some 220 farms, south of Vermilion, which he wishes taken over for the settlement of these pupil-farmers when they are competent.

By working through the Boy Scouts and other organisations in Great Britain, Mr. Greenfield is convinced that he can easily find the required number of young colonists. He would like to see the immigration of youths extended on a still larger scale, and preference given to applicants for farmers who have passed through an educational course on this side.

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RAZMAK.

OUR NEW INDIAN OUTPOST.

The visit of Lord Irwin, the Viceroy of India, to Razmak (pronounced Ruzmuck), the new cantonment in the heart of Waziristan, on the North-West Frontier, is not only a matter of go—look—see but is a step farther in a brilliant attempt to capture the imagination of the tribesman which was started by Lord Reading, writes Lieut.-Gen. Sir George MacMunn, formerly Commander-in-Chief in Mesopotamia and Quartermaster-General in India.

Razmak, the new fortified camp in the very heart of tribal Waziristan, was started on the advice of Lord Rawlinson to heal once and for all the open sore of the behaviour of the mountain tribes of Waziristan.

For years the Government of India had tried to hit on some method of treatment which while ministering to their love of freedom would also prevent their living the life that the highlander usually lives where the hills breed many and feed few—living on the raiding of peaceful and wealthier natives in the plains.

In their case the raids were apt to become armed invasions, and, with other booty, both men and women, especially fat traders, would be carried to ransom. Since 1849, when Britain became the heirs-at-law of the Sikh Government, the life of the frontier had been raid and counter-raid, the latter growing at times to punitive expeditions. Millions had been spent in this way, millions poured into the bottomless pit, but less by far than the cost of occupying and administering the territory.

Lord Curzon's policy was to employ the young men in local militias to protect the trade routes through their own country. This was the principle on which the Black Watch was first raised, allowances being made to tribal chiefs on the understanding that they kept order, furnished some rough police, and endeavoured to give some education and civilisation to the sons of those chiefs who cared to avail themselves of it.

Slowly, very slowly, the heaven was working, when the Great War came down like an avalanche and carried away the results of a quarter of a century's endeavour. The Drum Ecclesiastic was rolling, the Caliph of Islam had proclaimed a Holy War, the highland Mullahs, the more fanatical because the more ignorant, echoed their cry, "Glory for all and Heaven for those who bleed," and the tribesmen flung themselves at the British posts.

Then as the war passed and the time came for the British bill of reckoning to be presented, lo! the King of Kabul must needs throw his army on India and with him went the tribes en masse—for who could resist the chance to loot fat, peaceful India?

Eventually it took very large forces of half-trained post-war soldiers to bring the tribes of Waziristan to order. It was decided to "lift the tribal curtain," in the frontier metaphor, once and for all. Great motor roads have been driven into the hills from the frontier cantonment of Bannu, up far better equipped if they begin early to shape themselves for the new life.

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tribal plateau, out of the summer heat of the Indus-Valley, this cantonment of Razmak has been placed by the despairing British, a costly but effective cure. Now a six-inch howitzer is trained on the towers of the nearest chief to answer the sniper's bullet and peace appears to reign.

The tribes loathe and hate it, but acknowledge the advantages of the great roads for their own trade and the constant work and wages that they engender. When a Viceroy comes, and local chiefs are treated with hospitality and honour, and rewards in the shape of dresses of honour are presented as Lord Irwin has just presented them, then it flashes across the

tribal mind that all is not lost by the presence of the Sirkar. As an old chief once said to the writer: "Well, if the British try to take over the country it will give them a pretty pother, but... it will perhaps be pleasant for us, as we grow older, to go to sleep in our towers and feel certain that we shan't wake up and find our throats cut." And the women with ailments to be treated and children to be cured are slowly coming to the belief that the pax Britannica is better than the old law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.